

Town Council Meeting
June 13, 2022
Westport Town Hall

The Westport Town Council met in regular session at the Westport Town Hall, with the following present; Harry Pray III, President, Joyce Brindley, John Organist and Jenny Hardebeck. Harry Pray called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag.

Harry explained what can and cannot be burned within town limits.

Public hearing for 308 S Walnut:

No representative for property came to the meeting.
John made the motion for litigation, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Public hearing for 786 W Washington:

Postponed to July 11th council meeting to give the owners more time to complete which Joyce approved, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Jenny Hardebeck, presented the minutes from the May 9th Council Meeting, Funeral Deeds, Payroll Vouchers, Adjustments, and Monthly Bills, which were approved by Joyce, seconded by John.

Contracts For Service:

John made the motion to approve the contract with Kiwanis (Mike Gasper), seconded by Joyce and Harry. Joyce made the motion to approve the contract with Westport Fire Dept (Mike Gasper), seconded by John and Harry. John made the motion to approve the contract with MainStreet Westport (Connie Davis), seconded by John and Harry. Joyce made the motion to approve the contract with Main Street Inc (Kenny Marshall), seconded by John.

Westport Water Project Updates:

Commonwealth representative, Rachel Runge passed out a new memo and gave updates. Rachel requested an executive session with the council to discuss litigation in the water project. Rachel also mentioned a training opportunity that must be completed by one of the board members before October 2022.

Westport Wastewater Project:

Rachel handed out the updated wastewater project information to the board. She discussed the concerns and next steps for the project. She also stated that there is more investigation that Commonwealth would like to do. Next monthly meeting is July 7th at Town Hall.
Damon, Utility Superintendent, voiced concern with the Dam. Stating that it is failing and asked who to talk to about his concerns. Rachel stated that she is not a professional with that but she would discuss his concerns after the meeting and get him information on who to talk to.

Westport Stormwater Study 2022:

Rachel stated that it would be ready to discuss in early July and have an official final copy for the board. Rachel stated that the Water Loss Audit should be complete by August 1st. Harry asked Rachel what the Water Loss Audit entails and she explained.

Zoning Permits:

Damon at 109 E Race St asked for 20-foot variance up to the alley. Will not take half of alley so that utility can still use said alley. Would just like to go within 5 feet of alley. Joyce motioned to approve request; John seconded. Vote 3:0

Jeff Robins did not attend meeting to discuss his zoning request.

Resolution 2022-6 Adopting a Distribution plan for ARP:

Harry read resolution. Joyce made the motion to approve; John seconded. Vote 3:0

Approval to sell 207 and 209 E Mulberry St:

Board agreed that these properties would have to go to bid. Joyce made the motion to sell; Seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Cemetery Rates:

Joyce explained the need to increase and have a plan. Harry stated that we should not use tax money on the cemetery. Mike Gasper spoke on the subject and voiced his concerns. Joyce motioned to table this for a later date, seconded by John.

Cemetery Paving Bid:

Damon, Utility Superintendent, handed board copies of paving bid. Joyce motioned to approve; seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Westport Logo:

Harry expressed gratitude to Kyle Alumbaugh for creating a new logo for the town. Joyce did not feel that it was needing to be changed at this time. Connie and Barb expressed concern with the Chamber of Commerce and the previous cost for a logo. All agreed to table this for a later date to get more information.

Animal Ordinance Update:

Harry explained each section briefly. He also stated that there are revisions that need to be made. When complete, it will be added to the town website for all to view.

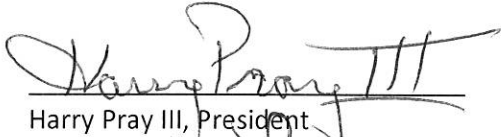
From the Floor:

Kenny Marshall- Discuss grants for the Community Building Remodel. Kenny stated that they are limited on grants. Mike Gasper stated that it is the responsibility of not only Westport, but surrounding townships also, as this is their building as well. After discussion, board agreed that with all of the factors discussed, grant funding should not be an issue. John stated that we should move on this as soon as possible.

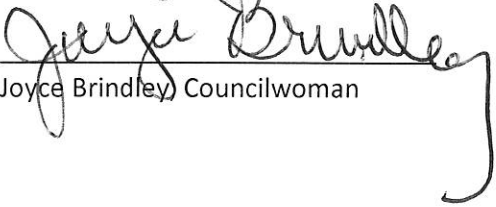
William Brewer- Wanted to know if it was possible to add 32 houses to the sewer system that we have. Rachel stated that as soon as the sewer project is done, this should not be an issue. She stated that two

years should be adequate time for this project to start. William also mentioned a possible zoning request for storage in Westport.

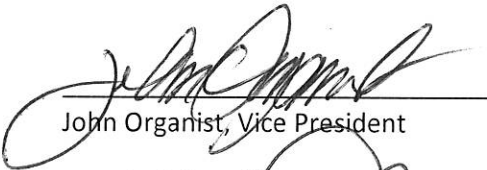
Harry made a motion to close the monthly meeting, seconded by Joyce and John.




Harry Pray III, President



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman



John Organist, Vice President



At: Gloria Alumbaugh