

Town Council Meeting
August 14th, 2023
Westport Town Hall

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

Signing of Monthly Minutes, Funeral Deeds, Payroll Vouchers, & Monthly Bills:

Joyce made a motion to approve the monthly minutes as written, seconded by John. John approved the monthly documents, payroll vouchers, and claims, seconded by Joyce.

Public Hearing: 2024 Budget

The council reviewed the 2024 Budget and Harry opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 6:35pm. Mellissa Deppe asked where the Community Building was listed in the Budget and Gloria directed her to the 2nd page in General Funds. Gloria explained that utilities, maintenance, and supplies were placed under the General Fund separate from the \$20,000 budgeted just for the building. Mike Gasper petitioned the town for more money to offset the cost of their firetruck. Gloria explained that the budget amounts were set unless they could move money from another general fund category, but the council could move money from the Public Safety Fund next year to increase the service contract if needed. Mike stated that he would submit an updated contract for the council to review. Harry closed the public hearing at 6: 47pm.

Alley Closure between 308 &310 S Walnut St.:

Gloria submitted the alley closure petition to the council for review. Joyce made a motion that they approve the alley closure, seconded by John. Gloria will submit a closure Ordinance at the September meeting.

Ordinance 2023-7: An Ordinance Concerning Structures On Right Of Way Or Easements

Harry read aloud Ordinance 2023-7 and John made a motion that they pass the Ordinance on the 1st reading, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0 Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-7, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Brush Removal:

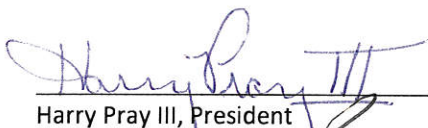
Harry announced that Westport Transfer is now accepting brush/tree debris while it is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7AM to 12PM.

From the Floor:

Mike Gasper asked the council what they had decided regarding sidewalks in town. Harry stated that no one has petitioned the town or showed building plans to the town council regarding sidewalks. The council discussed the sidewalk issues in town but no decisions were made.

Melissa Deppe submitted the monthly Westport Area Community Building for council review.

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



Harry Pray III, President



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman

John Organist, Vice President



Attest: Gloria Alumbaugh