

Town Council Meeting
January 9th, 2023
Westport Town Hall

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

Public Hearing for 301 E Sycamore:

Harry opened the public hearing at 6:33pm and Glen McCullough spoke on the progress that he is making to clean-up the property at 301 E Sycamore due to an order on unsafe premises. Glen stated that he did not know the state of his property and has already started clean-up to meet the February 28th deadline set by the town council. Glen stated on or near February 28th he would allow another property inspection to be completed by the town to confirm completion. Glen added that he is thinking about starting annual inspections of his properties to ensure that this does not happen again.

Election of Council Officers:

John made a motion to nominate Harry Pray III as council president, seconded by Joyce and accepted by Harry.

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

Joyce made a motion to approve all monthly documents, seconded by John.

Beth Pigmon Update on properties:

Attorney Chris Tebbe spoke on behalf of Beth Pigmon stating that the property at 786 W Washington St. is being brought into compliance and is approximately halfway done. Beth added that the plumbing has not been completed yet. Harry set a review hearing for the July 2023 council meeting.

Ordinance 2022-11 Consenting to Liquor Retailer's Permit:

Harry presented Ordinance 2022-11 for a second reading which Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Harry. Vote 2:1

Ordinance 2023-1 An Ordinance of the Town Council to Establish the Westport Area Community Building Board of Directors:

The Town council discussed the possibility of establishing a new board of directors along with Kenny Marshall and other members from the Westport Community Building association. After much discussion the council tabled the Ordinance until the next meeting.

Resolution 2023-1 Old Outstanding Checks Considered Void:

Harry presented Resolution 2023-1 which was approved by Joyce, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Westport Street Department Truck/Snowplow Bids:

Damon presented three bids for a Chrysler Dodge truck and snowplow for the Westport Street Department. The town council selected the cheapest bid from Family Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram located in North Vernon, in the amount of \$54,774.00.

From the Floor:

Glen McCullough asked the town council if they could increase communication with him regarding property issues and suggested the street department paint a white line on the road to designate the truck route.

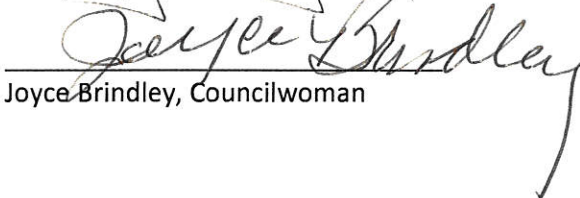
Joe Talkington presented a plaque for years of service to Damon Land on behalf of the Westport Police Department.

Attorney Alex Whitted presented an update to the council regarding a case in litigation since the opposing attorney has submitted a settlement of \$1,000 versus the \$2,500 originally requested. Joyce made a motion to approve the settlement, seconded by John. 3:0

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



Harry Pray III, President



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman



John Organist, Vice President



Attest: Gloria Alumbaugh