

Town Council Meeting  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Westport Community Building

The Westport Town Council met in special session at the Westport Community Building, with the following present, Bryan Gatewood, Glenn Black, Russell Wilson, Jennifer Hryb, Dolores Honeycutt, and Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh. Bryan Gatewood called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

**Appointment of Town Council President & Vice President:**

Russell made a motion to appoint Bryan Gatewood as the town council president, seconded by Glenn. Vote 3:0 After the 2 appointed council members were re-appointed, Russell made a motion to appoint Glenn Black as vice president, seconded by Jennifer Hryb. Vote 5:0

Prior to opening the floor for public comment Bryan told residents that a 3-minute time limit would be enforced for all statements. Bryan asked all commenter's to step forward to the podium so that online viewers can also hear the comments.

**Appointment of 2 New Council Members:**

Bryan explained to the Westport residents that there was concern about how the two appointed council members were selected in the December 2023 council meeting. After Attorney Alex Whitted reviewed the meeting video, he determined that the vote was incomplete and recommended that the new council re-appoint two council members to fulfill the five-member council. Prior to opening the floor for public comment Bryan told residents that a 3-minute time limit would be enforced for all statements. Bryan asked all commenters to step forward to the podium so that online viewers can also hear the comments.

Bryan opened the floor for public comment at 6:06pm and closed the floor at 6:06pm due to no comments. Glenn nominated Dolores Honeycutt which was seconded by Russell Wilson. Vote 3:0 Russell nominated Jennifer Hryb which as seconded by Glenn. Vote 3:0 Then Bryan read Resolution 2024-1 and opened the floor for public comment at 6:11pm Sandy Lowe asked the council if the appointed members would be serving a four-year term. Bryan stated that his understanding is yes, all members will serve a four-year term. Bryan closed the public comment at 6:12pm due to no other comments. Glenn made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-1, seconded by Russell. Vote 3:0

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

Jennifer made a motion to approve the monthly minutes as written, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0

Dolores approved the payroll vouchers, and claims, seconded by Russell. Vote 5:0

Glenn made a motion to approve the attorney agreement, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0

**Commonwealth Update:**

Glenn made a motion to approve Council President, Bryan signing the engineering agreements that Commonwealth submitted for signature, seconded by Russell. Vote 5:0

Commonwealth requested permission to start the redesign to avoid the easement issues and Jennifer made a motion to approve the redesign, not to exceed \$10,000, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0

Glenn made a motion to pre-authorize the council president to sign future bidding documents to meet the funding deadline, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

**SIRPC Member Appointment/Other Board Appointments:**

Dolores made a motion to appoint Russell Wilson to the SIRPC Board, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

Bryan made a motion to appoint Jennifer Hryb to the Decatur County Solid Waste Management Board which was seconded by Russell. Vote 5:0

Jennifer made a motion to appoint Bryan Gatewood to the Emergency Management Board which was seconded by Glenn. Vote 5:0

Bryan stated that Joyce Brindley will finish out her term with the Decatur County Board of Zoning Appeals and a new member will be appointed next year.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2024-2 [Fund Transfer]:**

Bryan read Resolution 2024-2 out loud and explained what funds would be transferred by Resolution. Bryan made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-2 which was seconded by Glenn. Vote 5:0

**Resolution 2024-3[Fund Encumbrance for 2023]:**

Bryan read Resolution 2024-3 out loud and explained that the funds were for the invoices paid in January for December's bills for the Westport Community Building. Bryan made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-3, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0

Bryan announced that he is keeping open office hours at the Westport Town Hall on Tuesdays from 8AM to 12 noon, inviting the public to stop by during office hours.

**From the Floor:**

No public comment

Bryan made a motion to close the January monthly meeting, seconded by Jennifer.



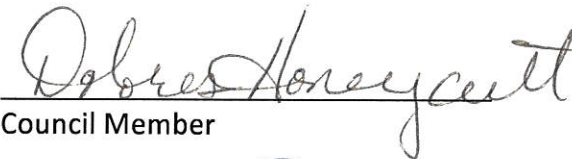
Council President

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Attest: Clerk Treasurer