

Town Council Meeting
May 8th, 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 Gloria Alumbaugh. 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.

Commonwealth Project Update:

Matt Wirth presented the update on the Wastewater project and submitted a final pay app for the Water Project. Harry asked Matt about lead pipe testing and signed the final pay app.

508 N Range St Update & 425 Washington St. Update:

The property owners did not appear, so the council discussed next steps and John made a motion to move forward with litigation which was seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Rebecca Creech – Town Clean-up:

Becky Creech asked about the council only picking certain properties in town and the council discussed her concerns. Harry spoke on the town's intentions for continuing property clean-up.

Jeff Moore Re: Westport Wesleyan Church:

Jeff Moore stated that the Westport Wesleyan Church is trying to become more visible in the community, asking permission to hold a bouncy house event in the park over the summer. The council told him to coordinate the event dates with Connie Davis and provide liability insurance for the events.

CCMG Resolution 2023-6:

Harry read the Resolution which was approved by Joyce and seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Ordinance 2023-3: 107 W Sycamore

Harry read Ordinance 2023-3 regarding alley vacation for the second reading which John made a motion to approve, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Zoning Permissions: Saylor Housing Development:

No Show

Nipro Annexation Ordinance 2023-4 & Resolution 2023-4:

John read Resolution 2023-4. A resolution adopting a written fiscal plan as the definite policy of the town council of the Town of Westport, Indiana, with respect to the provision of municipal

services to areas that are proposed to be annexed into its corporate limits which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0. Joyce read Ordinance 2023-4, An Ordinance annexing territory into the Town of Westport, Indiana on petition by all the owners of such territory pursuant to the provisions of IC 36-4-3-5.1 which was approved by the council pending a 2nd reading next month.

Westport Community Building Board of Directors:

The council appointed the following applicants to a two-year term on the Westport Community Building Board: Connie Davis, Barb Winchester, and Melissa Deppe. The following applicants were appointed to a one-year term: Karen Webster and Jennifer Hryb. A formal Resolution will be signed at the June council meeting.

Home Rule Fund for Community Building Deposits: Tabled

Damon Land:

Damon presented several items starting with permission to purchase a smooth bucket attachment for the Excavator costing approximately \$1,713 which was approved by the council. Damon presented the bid for replacing the locks/doors at the Westport Community Building for approximately \$6,034.15 which was approved by the council. Damon gave an update on the sewer issue at 108 S Poplar stating that the town is not responsible for piping installed between the house and the sewer clean-out. Damon presented an engineering agreement from FPBMH which the council decided to table for a special session so that the Clerk could determine if there is funding available. Damon asked the council's progress on an insurance adjustment and John stated that he would contact the insurance agent. Damon gave his recommendation on a candidate for the water/wastewater apprenticeship program and the council reviewed the applications. John made a motion that the council select Shane Abel, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

From the Floor:

Danny Toler addressed the council about his sewer issue and discussed it with Damon. Damon stated that the town did not have an issue with Toler completing his own work to correct the sewer issues.

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