

Town Council Meeting
July 8th, 2024
Westport Community Building

The Westport Town Council met in regular 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 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the Minutes from the June 10th, 2024 and June 14th, 2024 Council Meetings:

Russell motioned to approve the June minutes, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

Approval of Adjustments, Payroll Vouchers, and Monthly Bills:

Glenn motioned to approve adjustments, payroll vouchers, and monthly bills, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0

Service Contracts:

Bryan presented the service contract with a check for \$3,000 to the Westport Kiwanis Club which Russell motioned to approve, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

Bryan presented the service contract with a check for \$500 to Main Street Westport USA, INC which Russell motioned to approve, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0

Bryan presented the service contract with a check for \$10,500 to Westport Community Fire Department which Glenn motioned to approve, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0

Commonwealth Update:

Rachel Runge gave an update on the Wastewater project, passed out an updated Memorandum to the council, and reviewed USDA forms to be signed before the loan closing. Jennifer motioned to approve RUS Bulleting 1780-27 for the USDA Grant funds, seconded by Glenn. Vote 5:0 All five council members signed the conflict-of-interest certification form for USDA. Dolores made a motion that Bryan sign the Guide 5 Approval form for USDA, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0 Glenn motioned that the RPR Approval letter be signed and sent to USDA, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0 Russell made a motion that the Engineering Agreement – Amendment No. 2 be approved, seconded by Glen. Vote 5:0

SIRPC Labor Standards Contract:

Jodi Comer presented information on the contract to inform Westport Residents of the activities she would be completing in the Wastewater Project.

ARP Funds (\$79,510 left):

- **Fire Hydrant Quote:** Damon presented the quote for fire hydrants in varying sizes to the council adding that after installation each fire hydrant will cost up to \$5,000- \$6,000. The council is working with Westport Water to determine what hydrants need replaced and will determine a total amount for the next meeting.
- **Pickle Ball Courts:** Mike and Kelly Fox presented information on the positives of having a pickle ball court. Russell also shared a handout written by Jason and Carol Helms. Jennifer asked for more details on what the original pickleball quote includes and Dolores suggested that the town move forward with obtaining three estimates. Sandy Lowe stated that her understanding of the original quote included extensive re-work to the tennis court due to incorrect installation and

incorrect installation and disrepair. Gloria reminded the council that if town money is used, the town should obtain the quotes and John Gant also asked for official quotes.

- **Sidewalk Quote** – Damon stated that bids included sidewalks on both sides of the road from Range to Williamson St. and the council asked Damon to move forward with the lowest bid. Gloria was asked to start paperwork to request additional appropriations for ARP funds.

Public Works Superintendent Report:

Damon gave an update on the complaint filed with IDEM at 109 S. Lincoln St. Damon stated that the soil testing completed by Bainbridge came back clear of any sewage issues. Damon also reminded residents to call 811 before they dig which can save them lots of money and stress from digging through utility lines.

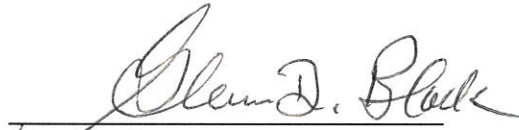
From the Floor:

Jeff Bradley asked about the Executive session on June 14th and Bryan stated that litigation will continue. Kyle Moore asked the council about considering updates to the playground equipment at the park. Bryan said that the town council is considering applying for a planning grant to assess the entire park and community building area to determine what improvements are needed for the entire property.


Russell motioned to close the July monthly meeting, seconded by Jennifer.

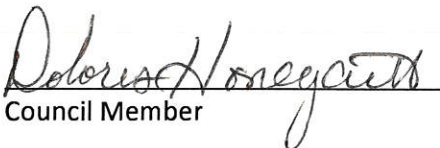


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