

Town Council Meeting
September 11th, 2023
Westport Area Community Building

The Westport Town Council met in regular session at the Westport Community Building, with the following present; Harry Pray III, President, Joyce Brindley, and Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh. Harry Pray called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm followed by the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence in honor of Patriots Day. Rev. Glen Black said a prayer after the moment of silence.

Public Hearing – 2024 Budget Adoption:

Harry opened the public hearing at 6:47pm after council member Joyce Brindley arrived at the meeting. There were no comments or additions, and Harry closed the public hearing at 6:47pm. Joyce made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-9, 2024 Budget which Harry seconded. Vote 2:0

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

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

Community Board Report:

Harry read the report submitted by Melissa Deppe on behalf of the Westport Area Community Board Committee.

Commonwealth Update:

Matt Wirth submitted a monthly report to the council, stating that a solution has been settled with DNR regarding tree credits instead of planting over 100 trees during the Wastewater project. Matt stated that the Wastewater project is a few months behind schedule but hopefully the project will be up for bid soon.

Alley Closure Ordinance 2023-8:

The council reviewed the ordinance to close the alley between two properties on S. Walnut that are owned by Catherine Tevis. She requested that the alley be closed since she owns both surrounding properties to the alley. Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-8, seconded by Harry. Vote 2:0

Resolution 2023-7 CCMG Fund Transfer:

Council reviewed Resolution 2023-7 and Joyce approved the transfer of \$89,027.43 from MVH Fund to the CCMG fund, seconded by Harry. Vote 2:0

Emergency Action Plan Adoption:

Harry read the Emergency Action Plan out loud and Joyce made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Harry. Vote 2:0

Ordinance 2023-10 Amending Ordinance 2020-5:

Harry read the amended Ordinance out loud which included a waiver clause allowing the council to cancel or waive fines as needed. Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-10, seconded by Harry. Vote 2:0

Trick or Treat Hours:

The council discussed hours and determined that Trick or Treat hours will be on October 31st from 5pm to 8pm.

Upcoming Events:

Harry announced that Dumpster Day is October 5, 2023, and Electronic Waste/Shredding Day is October 7, 2023.

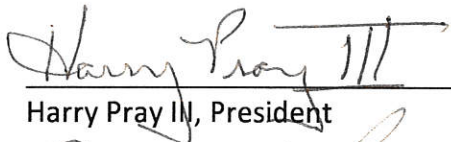
Public Works Superintendent Report:

Damon Land updated the town council and community on the process of how streets are selected under the Community Crossing Matching Grant, explaining that streets must be at a certain numerical level by state requirements to qualify for paving. Damon discussed the sidewalks on Poplar St. and John Gant asked several questions regarding curbs and sidewalks at the Fire Department. During discussion Damon added that the Clerk Treasurer is only involved in the CCMG process in regard to how much money can be spent on the project.

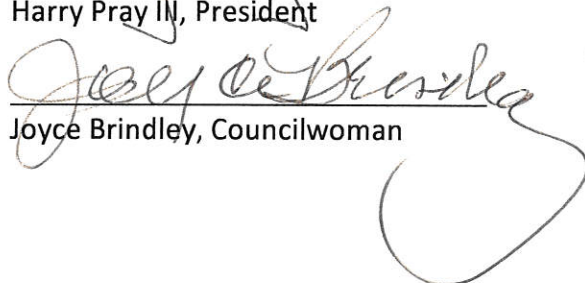
From the Floor:

Connie Davis requested permission to close Main Street on October 14th during the Fall Festival from 8AM to 8PM. Connie also mentioned the parade route and that she was in communication with the local police department and ER response teams regarding a temporary closure during the parade. Joyce made a motion to approve the Main Street closure during the festival, seconded by Harry. Vote 2:0

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



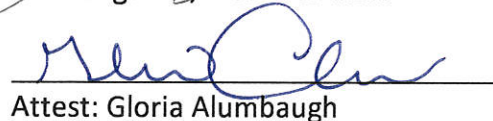
Harry Pray III, President



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman



John Organist, Vice President



Attest: Gloria Alumbaugh