

Town Council Meeting
November 11th, 2024
Westport Community Building

The Westport Town Council met in regular session at the Westport Community Building, with the following present, Bryan Gatewood, Russell Wilson, Glenn Black, Jennifer Hryb, and Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh. Bryan Gatewood called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Bryan asked all veterans to stand up and be recognized for serving our country.

Approval of the Minutes from the October 14th, 2024 Council Meetings:

Russell motioned to approve the October minutes, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 4:0

Approval of Adjustments, Payroll Vouchers, and Monthly Bills:

Jennifer motioned to approve adjustments, payroll vouchers, and monthly bills, seconded by Glenn. Vote 4:0

Commonwealth Update:

Matt Wirth presented a November 11th Memorandum and an anticipated work schedule from Striegel Design & Construction Inc. Matt reminded the council that a construction meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 1P.M.

Medical Insurance Renewal – Billy Kirkham:

Bryan stated that he would like to sit down with staff and the insurance agent before deciding on renewal or switching plans.

Mulberry St. Apartments – Jeff Moore (4 Seasons Reality):

Bryan stated that since the bid for the Mulberry Street property was below the appraisal price and outside the bid window the bid was rejected. Bryan stated that the old town square property would need to be surveyed along with steps to make the property sellable. Russell suggested a lease option versus selling the property.

ARP Funds (\$15,877.00 left):

Bryan stated that Kiwanis has been unable to obtain three bids, but he would like to see another attempt to get at least a second bid on the pickleball court at the park. Russell made a motion that the town reserve \$10,000 of ARP funding to go towards the pickleball courts once another bid is obtained, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 4:0

Bryan made a motion to approve using ARP funds to purchase Tasers for the Westport Police Department, totaling \$9,747.60, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 4:0

Superintendent of Public Works Report:

Damon stated that the CCMG paving project is ending. Damon added that he is putting up the handicap sign for the handicap parking spot on Main street in front of the post office. Damon said that the town would also add paint to the parking spot and curb to increase visibility. Damon said that the Wastewater Project will be starting on December 2nd and residents may see construction equipment in town.

Westport Police Dept. – New Officer:

Luke presented information from Joe Talkington regarding a recommendation to hire Kris Weisner as a part-time police deputy for the Town of Westport. Bryan made a motion to hire Kris Weisner part-time

for up to 4 months, paying him \$22/hour at a maximum of 20 hours per week, seconded by Russell. Vote 4:0 Bryan apologized to Luke and the Westport Police Department for overstepping by reaching out to the county for assistance a few weeks ago.

From the Floor:

Sandy Lowe asked about an itemized list of ARP expenditures for 2024 and Gloria gave her a copy of the list. Sandy asked about the town considering giving more ARP funds to the pickleball project at the end of the year.

Walter Hunter asked if the Wastewater Project would affect his property, and Damon told him that piping would not reach Walter's property in phase one.

Sandy Lowe asked another question about the total ARP from 2023.

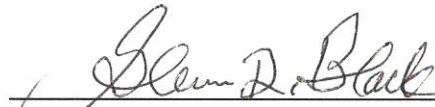
Walter Hunter stated his concern for the homeless and trash in his neighborhood.

Damon announced that the Westport Transfer will be closed on November 30th due to Thanksgiving.

Russell motioned to close the November monthly meeting, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 4:0



Council President



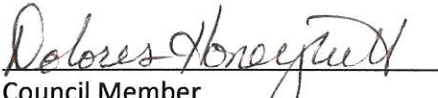
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Attest: Clerk-Treasurer