

Town Council Meeting
December 8th, 2025
Westport Community Building

The Westport Town Council met in regular session at the Westport Community Building, with the following present: Bryan Gatewood, Dolores Honeycutt, Jennifer Hryb, Russell Wilson, Glenn Black, and Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh. Bryan Gatewood called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes of November 10th, 2025 Council Meeting:

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

Approval of Funeral Deeds, Adjustments, Payroll Vouchers, and Monthly Bills:

Jennifer motioned to approve the Funeral Deeds, Adjustments, Payroll Vouchers, and Monthly Bills, seconded by Glenn. Vote 5:0

Service Contract Checks:

Bryan presented the service checks and contracts for 2026, which were approved by Russell, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0

Other Contracts:

Bryan made a motion to approve the 2026 annual attorney contract for Alex Whitted, seconded by Glenn. Vote 5:0 Jennifer approved Joseph Talkington's 2026 Town Marshal employment contract, seconded by Russell. Vote 5:0 Bryan motioned to approve Luke Lozier's 2026 Deputy Marshal employment contract, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0 Gloria submitted her annual Conflict of Interest Certification to the council as required by Resolution 2012-03.

Commonwealth Update:

Spencer Hacker presented Commonwealth's monthly memo to the council. Bryan made a motion to approve Change Order #4, seconded by Russell. Vote 5:0 Bryan also made a motion to approve the BAN Extension since the Wastewater Project will be extended into 2026, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

Water Rate Ordinance 2025-6:

Bryan opened the Public Hearing for Water Rate Ordinance 2025-6 at 7:03 pm by introducing Mike Novac and suggesting that people ask any questions that they might have. Sandy Lowe asked if the population in Westport has changed since the last water rate increase. Gloria answered, saying that the population is similar, with a slight increase in utility connections, totaling 690. Mike Novac explained the rates and said, "Westport has some of the lowest rates in the state." Bryan closed public comment at 7:19 pm and made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-6, seconded by Glenn. Vote 5:0

Public Hearing for the Water Tower Grant Application/Resolution 2025-3 (SIRPC):

Victoria Bechert presented the Resolution for the Water Tower Grant Application and Bryan opened the public hearing at 7:17pm for public comment. John Gant asked where the EMS

equipment will be relocated to during the reconstruction of the water tower and Bryan answered saying that he would have to ask Strand Engineering. The public hearing was closed at 7:19pm. Dolores made a motion to approve the Grant Resolution, seconded by Glenn. Vote 5:0

Wage & Compensation Ordinance 2025-9:

Bryan completed the 2nd reading of Wage & Compensation Ordinance 2025-9, making a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Russell. Vote 5:0

Nuisance Ordinance 2025-10:

Bryan opened the floor for comment adding that he still wants to talk to Marshal Talkington about the enforceability of the Ordinance before the council takes an official vote. Sandy Lowe reminded Bryan of the concern for smoke definitions in Section E. Glenn asked about a barking dog scenario in connection with pg. 2, section 3, letter H. Bryan closed the floor at 7:35 PM.

Superintendent of Public Works Report:

Damon reported that the bridge under construction on Main Street is predicted to open back up the second week of January 2026. Damon stated that drainage updates on Wiley Street are complete and Shady Lane is half-way done. Damon asked the council permission to sell the 1998 Chevy (snowplow included) by sealed bids with a reserve. Bryan made a motion to authorize Damon to set the reserve price when selling the 1998 Chevy truck, which was seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0 Bryan also made a motion to permit Damon to sell a 23-year-old ExMark mower, which Glenn seconded. Vote 5:0

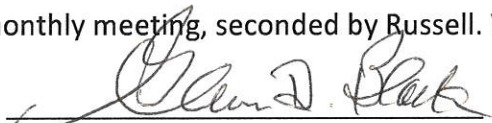
From the Floor:

Bryan gave a brief update on successful mediation between the Town of Westport and 508 N Range St. property representatives, adding that the house will be demolished after 90 days. Dolores thanked Tanna Decker and Becki McGuire for their efforts in obtaining more than 100 park improvement surveys so far. Jennifer reported that the 2026 Recycling Program for Decatur County will include an Electronic E-Waste and Shredding event on April 11th from 9 AM to 11 AM in Westport.

Jennifer motioned to close the December monthly meeting, seconded by Russell. Vote 5:0



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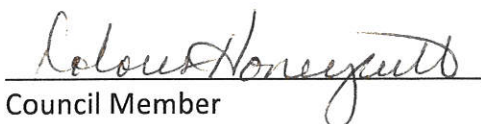


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