

Town Council Meeting
August 12th, 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 July 8th, 2024, and July 26th, 2024 Council Meetings:

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

Glenn motioned to approve the Special Session on July 26th, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0

Approval of Adjustments, Payroll Vouchers, and Monthly Bills:

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

Commonwealth Update:

Rachel Runge gave an update on the Wastewater project, passed out an updated Memorandum to the council, and reviewed upcoming grants for the new PFAS regulations.

ARP Funds (\$53,813.78 left):

- **Ordinance 2024-3 Additional Appropriations** – Bryan reported on ARP expenditures so far this year and made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-3, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

Ordinance 2024-4 Appropriation Reduction for 2024:

Gloria stated that she overbudgeted in the Local Road & Streets Fund, so she is reducing the budget for 2024 by \$5,000. Glenn made a motion to approve the reduction of \$5,000, seconded by Russell. Vote 5:0

Westport Zoning Expectations:

Bryan discussed expectations that residents reach out to the council before building semi-permanent, to permanent structures on their property to prevent building on town easements or utility lines. Bryan also discussed giving Amanda Boilanger approval to move forward with a building addition that included an 8ft by 6ft setback on the north side of her property. Dolores made a motion to approve the Boilanger variance, seconded by Glenn. Vote 5:0

Animal Nuisance:

Dolores discussed recent complaints of dogs off-leash in the community. Dolores stated that she is attending the next Decatur County Animal Shelter board meeting to discuss a resolution since she was told the county would no longer be servicing Westport.

Paco's Adjustment:

Paco's Restaurant asked the Westport Water Company to consider a sewer adjustment for a fundraising, car wash event held at the restaurant. Russell approved the sewer adjustment of \$63.39, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

From the Floor:

Mike Bartlett asked permission to close the alley running North to South from Mulberry to Main Street so that two barns could be demolished safely on the surrounding properties the week of August 26th.

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

Jeanne Saylor requested approval to change the zoning of the six new lots on Kentucky Avenue from agricultural to residential. Russell motioned to approve the zoning change at W. Gatewood Drive, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0 Jeannie also requested a zoning change at 800 N. State Road 3 from agricultural to business which Glenn approved, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

Nathan Snyder stated that he received a fine letter at 209 S. Elizabeth Street after he had previously cleaned up his property and should not be getting the fine. The council replied that they would review his situation before deciding to waive fines.

Brian Ross asked if the Westport Police Department could increase patrol on West Street headed towards Washington Street due to increased traffic, limited visibility, and speeding motorists.

James Kubisz from RCAP introduced himself as the Rural Development Specialist stating that he can assist with Westport's water, wastewater, and solid waste needs.

Katherine Neice from the Purdue Extension Office introduced herself stating that her organization can assist with food nutrition classes and various community projects needing grant funding.

Sandy Lowe asked a question about the council's process of opening sealed bids and mentioned that the sub-item, Pickleball, was skipped on the agenda.

Jennifer motioned to close the August monthly meeting, seconded by Glenn.



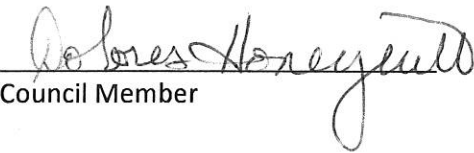
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Attest: Clerk-Treasurer