

Town Council Meeting
September 9th, 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, 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 August 12th, 2024 Council Meetings:

Russell motioned to approve the August minutes, seconded by Dolores. Vote 3:0

Approval of Adjustments, Payroll Vouchers, and Monthly Bills:

Dolores motioned to approve adjustments, payroll vouchers, and monthly bills, seconded by Russell. Vote 3:0

Commonwealth Update:

Matt Wirth gave an update on the Wastewater project and reviewed the Memorandum given to the council. Matt reported that Westport Water has applied for a PFAS grant with a great chance of receiving funding since Westport responded to the PFAS directives earlier than most water companies in Indiana. Matt added that he is working with Commonwealth Engineer, Brady Dryer and Water Superintendent, Jay Maddux to resolve the IDEM sanctions on 950 N.

209 E Mulberry St. Bid Opening: No Bids were submitted

2025 Budget Public Hearing:

Bryan Gatewood opened the floor at 6:41 pm for public comment. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed at 6:43 pm.

Ordinance 2024-5: CCMG Additional Appropriations:

Dolores motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-5 on the second reading, seconded by Russell. Vote 3:0

Zoning Permission – 601 E Main (Westport Wesleyan Church):

Pastor Jeff Moore presented his intentions for a future church build on the property at 601 E Main and requested permission to rezone the property from A1 to A2, and that the council permit a driveway on to Main St. He also requested a letter of certification that water/sewer utility is present at 601 E Main. Russell motioned to approve all three requests for 601 E Main St, seconded by Dolores. Vote 3:0

ARP Funds (\$53,813.78 left):

- **Ordinance 2024-3 Additional Appropriations** – Dolores motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2024-3, seconded by Russell. Vote 3:0

Mainstreet Fall Festival, October 12th:

Connie Davis requested permission for Main Street to be closed during the Fall Festival from 8AM to 7PM. Bryan motioned to approve the street closure, seconded by Dolores. Vote 3:0

Dumpster Day, October 3rd

E-Waste Day, October 5th: Bryan announced the upcoming events.

Trick or Treat Hours: Bryan motioned to set Trick or Treat hours at 5pm to 8pm this year on October 31st, seconded by Russell. Vote 3:0

Superintendent of Public Works Report:

Damon announced that sidewalk construction has started on E. Main St. Damon said that the engineer missed a section of the sidewalks, much to the town's dismay. Since the sidewalks still need to be completely repaired, Damon requested an estimate from Striegel Construction which is \$21,618.45. Bryan made a motion to use ARP funds to complete the sidewalk project in front of the Post Office, Pizzalicious, The Old Bank, and Old Drug Store which Russell seconded. Vote 3:0

Damon also presented seal coat bids for the Westport Cemetery which are \$21,869, \$13,500 and third bidder no showed. Seal coat bids for the Westport Police Department are \$1200, \$2400 and third bidder no showed. Bryan made a motion to accept the lowest bid on both seal coat projects, seconded by Dolores. Vote 3:0

Damon reminded residents that the Westport Cemetery, decoration clean-up has started in case people want to take home their decorations.

From the Floor:

Russell opened the following Pickleball estimates:

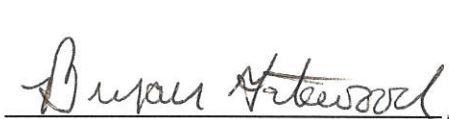
- Globe – 1 Court \$47,500, 2 Courts \$74,200
- AllStar Paving – 1 Court \$41,961.47, 2 Courts \$76,763.26
- O'Mara – 1 Court \$78,000, 2 Courts \$114,300

Sam Armand Jones read a statement to the council regarding an open burning complaint. Mrs. Jones also commented on the complaint.

Sandy Lowe suggested moving the barricades to one intersection west of the usual street closure to slow traffic sooner for the Fall Festival.

Mike Gasper thanked the town employees for assisting with the road closure during the Kiwanis Annual BBQ and Car Show. Mike reported that Kiwanis will be painting the concession stands during the National Day of Caring on September 18th with volunteer aid from the Decatur County Community Foundation. Mike also said they were working on a T-shirt project for the National Day of Caring. Dolores asked about parents being able to use the scoreboard above the concession stand and Mike said they are welcome to use the scoreboard.

Bryan motioned to close the September monthly meeting, seconded by Dolores. Vote 3:0


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Attest: Clerk-Treasurer