

Town Council Meeting

June 8th, 2026

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, Glenn Black, Russell Wilson, and Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh. Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes for May 11th, 2026 Council Meeting:

Russell moved to approve the May meeting minutes, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0

Approval of Adjustments, Payroll Vouchers, and Monthly Bills: Glenn motioned to approve Adjustments, Payroll Vouchers, and Monthly Bills, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

Commonwealth Update:

Commonwealth representative Spencer presented an updated memorandum on the wastewater project. There is a wastewater construction meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, at the Westport Town Hall. Spencer reported that the lift station is almost complete and the PFAS water-testing pilot is going well. Bryan added that the construction meeting time may change for Thursday, and there is also a USDA Ban Loan Closing meeting at 9:30, June 11th.

EMA Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Edit Review:

Bryan explained to the council that Attorney Alex Whitted provided some Indiana code clarification and additional explanation in the Resolution and county agreement. Bryan motioned to approve the edits to the EMA Multi-Hazard Resolution and County Agreement, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

Park Plan Presentation – Victoria Bechert:

Victoria and Kylie presented the official park plan to the Westport Town Council. After the presentation, Bryan asked Attorney Alex Whitted about starting a Park Donation Fund, which Attorney Whitted advised was appropriate and would be placed on the July agenda for a vote.

SIRPC Water Tower Project – Jodi Comer:

Victoria presented the SIRPC contract for Jodi Comer, and the council asked for time to review the contract that is part of the Water Tower Project.

Ordinance 2025-10[Concerning Public Nuisance]:

Bryan introduced Ordinance 2025-10 [Concerning Public Nuisance] for second reading and motioned approval, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 4:0 Russell abstained. Public Comment was opened at 7:07 pm and closed at 7:08 pm. Jennifer Hryb commented that not only will this ordinance help local law enforcement, but it will give residents clear expectations of Westport's community standards.

Ordinance 2026-2 [Establishing Schedule of Fees for Certain Services]:

Bryan introduced Ordinance 2026-2 for the second reading and opened and closed the floor for public comment at 7:10 pm with no comments. Glenn motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-2, seconded by Russell. Vote 5:0

Ordinance 2026-3 [Amending Ordinance 2025-6 Regarding Water Rates]:

Bryan introduced Ordinance 2026-3 for second reading and opened the floor for public comment at 7:12 pm. Damon Land presented a statement from a bulk water consumer who has concerns about the bulk water price increase. Gloria stated that the two heaviest bulk water users have told multiple town employees that they will be forced to purchase bulk water elsewhere if the price is increased to \$1.50. Brian Ross suggested that the council look at a staggered system where commercial bulk water purchasers could get a discount based on the more water they purchase, adding that \$1.50 seems reasonable to minimal users who are just filling their swimming pools. Public comment was closed at 7:22 pm, and Bryan made a motion to strike out section 2 detailing the Bulk Water increase, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0 Once Section 2 of Ordinance 2026-3 was removed from Ordinance 2026-3, Bryan approved the ordinance, seconded by Jennifer. Vote 5:0

Superintendent of Public Works Report:

Damon stated that the Water Treatment Plant has been repaired after a turbidity meter broke, and the town is back on Westport Water. The bulk water station will be opened tomorrow.

From the Floor:

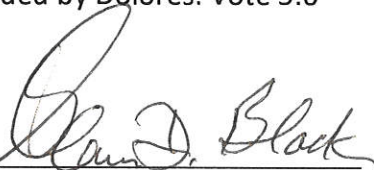
Bryan announced the 250th Anniversary Celebration and asked permission to close Main Street from 10 AM to 6 PM on June 27th for the Mainstreet, INC event. Russell motioned approval of the Main Street closure on June 27th, seconded by Glenn. Vote 5:0

Bryan asked Mike Gasper who to contact with Kiwanis regarding the reservation of the basketball courts. Mike stated that the requester could attend a Kiwanis meeting or call the Kiwanis president, Mark Koors.

Russell motioned to close the council meeting, seconded by Dolores. Vote 5:0



Council President



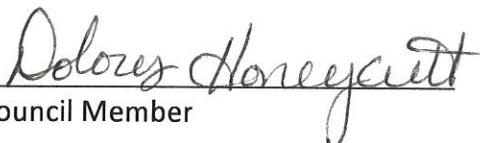
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Attest: Clerk-Treasurer