

## **MAYORS MINUTE DECEMBER 2012**

Well we had a changing of the guard this month at the council meeting.

First I would like to thank Jerrel Bolton for his past service to the city. Jerrel I don't know of anyone (life long resident or not) that was more passionate and concerned for the overall good of this city than you. It was a pleasure to serve on the council under your administration and I was proud to have you agree to being appointed to the council during my term as Mayor. Your knowledge and expertise on business and machinery was invaluable and just don't get too use to that fishing pole... may call you for advice down the road. On Behalf of myself and the citizens of West thank you!

As for Benny...I want to also thank you for accepting the appointment this past year to complete CW's term.... Your concern for the infrastructure of the city is the same as mine and rest assured I will move the council forward on getting the city water sewer pipes upgraded... may take years but we have to start somewhere... thank you for your service as well.

Want to congratulate Mayor Pro Tem Steve Vanek back on the council and Cheryl Marak and Brian Muska. I look forward to good things coming from Cheryl and Brian! Cheryl's involvement with Animal Rights puts her front and center on he committee for the dog holding facility along with amending the current animal control ordinance both items to be addressed in the near future. Brian's expertise in computers will get the city moving toward one of my goals which is on-line bill paying through our website.... pay your tickets and water bill from your computer!!!! Again...good things are going to come out of these new council members...

December meeting started with the oath of office for the newly elected council members and as stated Mr.Steve Vanek was appointed Mayor Pro Term. Gave a couple of small originations some extra time on the grease trap requirements and we're still looking into the on-line ordinance and how best to make that work on our web site. No action was taken on the water rate study this month.... I dropped the ball and did not get references from other cities on how the company preformed so we'll take that up next month.

What do you guys thing about downtown.... I want to thank the Chamber of Commerce, West Kiwanis Club and all the many other volunteers for their work on the Santa Visit and Czechmas celebration couple of weeks ago. Great to have to look for a parking place downtown! How about the downtown lights!!!! Thanks to the Chamber for securing funding from Westfest and arranging for the installation of the lights .... makes the town look soooo festive....if it's not feeling it's looking allot like Christmas!!!!

On behalf of Lisa, Claire and myself I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I will keep you all in my prayers and I ask you to keep me in yours.

