

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
August 02, 2021**

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of the present council members was then taken: Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Shad Kendall, Mr. Rob Myerholtz and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Mrs. Ashley Patel was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve the July 19, 2021 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Resolution 2021-4 authorizing the Village of Weston to participate in the Wood County Park District parks grant program received a second reading.

Reports

Mayor: Received a complaint about rolling stops at the intersection of Broadway and Oak, deputies will be keeping an eye on that intersection.

Fiscal Officer/Administrative: Clerk updated everyone that the president of the NWWSD board and head of operations came to the Village Hall last Thursday to take a look at the possibility of putting in a watershed.

Administrator/Maintenance: Mowed grass throughout the Village and 3 nuisance properties, weed whacked and sprayed weeds throughout the village. Trimmed trees along south drive at cemetery and throughout village, and picked up brush throughout village from recent storms. Rowe's Tree Service took down two trees at the basketball court and one on Locust Street. Changed oil and filter on F550, and completed service on John Deere x730 lawn mower. JPX installed a new catch basin on Oak Street and cut across the road to tie in new pipe at the existing catch basin; they will also be repairing the sinkhole at 235 and Taylor St culvert. Picked up 4 detour signs from the county sign shop. Emptied all trash bins at parks, ball diamonds and Main Street. Met with Greg Carson from CamTech about jetting storm sewer lines and cleaning catch basins, they will be in town in the next couple of weeks to start; going to work on cleaning lines from Maple Street to 235 ditch and Oak to Taylor Street. Picked up a map of storm sewers from the county engineer's office. Delivered 2 ton of stone to a resident on Main Street.

Mr. Dewitt inquired about the landscaping timeline from the sewer line project. Shirley Moore asked a question about when the Locust & Maple Street work will be cleaned up as it has not been cleaned up in over a year. Council continued to have a discussion on NWWSD work and that there needs to be a better plan when digging into the road so it isn't done so often, and want more cooperation from them as the Village has assets too.

Mr. Myerholtz asked why there are now two catch basins close together on Oak Street, and concern as to why the streets committee wasn't involved. The original catch basin was on the high side as an attempt to fix the drainage issue, now another catch basin is on the low side to hopefully fix the issue. Mr. Myerholtz shared that it should not be our responsibility on how a property was built and that the owner should put a trench and drain it. Mayor shared that the Administrator has a budget that allows for projects when a problem arises. Mr. Myerholtz requested that the committee have a heads up.

Zoning Inspector: Roy Champion filed a permit to build a barn, this is the next step in the plan, after the alley vacate that was approved. 13505 Main Street was cut by the Village, the owner passed away; Ken Taylor shared that this property may need to be sent to the health department to check out the house. Clerk also shared that although the owner passed away, the mailing address for 13505 Main Street has not changed on the auditor page and Paul Skaff said it should be billed according to current policy/address listed on auditor site, if not paid it will be assessed but council still has the final decision on whether the properties on the list get assessed.

Mr. Myerholtz received a complaint from a neighbor about the property across the street, shared that the backyard is atrocious and there is word a pontoon boat and camper will be arriving. It has been confirmed by the neighbor that all the cars have tags, but none of them run. The status of the pool was brought up. Mr. Taylor shared he can send a letter for junk

and the pool can be sent to the health department.

Mr. Easterwood asked about the fence at Redneck Willys. There is a permit on file and they were asked to take down for the building demolition and then put back up. Mr. Easterwood shared that it seems as if the fence has now stretched across the neighboring property. A question was asked how the liquor license can encompass two properties, it was shared this would be something for the board of liquor control. Mr. Taylor will double check the fence drawing.

Mr. Taylor also brought up an eggs for sale sign he saw in the front yard, there is nothing in our code. There could be a potential issue allowing sales, but for now there is nothing stating that this is not allowed. Mr. Myerholtz reminded council that we should begin looking at updating the zoning code.

Upcoming Meetings: Streets 8/4 at 6PM, Finance 8/9 at 5PM, Rec Board 8/11 at 6:30PM, Cemetery 8/12 at 6PM, Safety 8/26 at 5:30PM (Safety Agenda will include updated/official quote for pagers and EMS contracts).

Council had a lengthy discussion on the future of the EMS turning into a district and EMS contracts. In the past Kathy and Tim typically do EMS contract negotiations, council was all in agreement that contract negotiations should involve council and that this could technically be a conflict of interest. It was suggested contracts should be negotiated for one year to allow time to begin discussion on a possible district. Mr. Easterwood inquired how to go about this discussion in committee and what the roles are between Safety and Finance committee, Mayor suggested assigning roles to research other districts in the area.

Miscellaneous Business

Mayor wanted to update Rick, Dean and Ashley about the bridge since they are not on the Finance or Streets committee. A bridge inspection has been completed, there is a sinkhole that needed fixed, the estimate for the bridge project that is planned to be submitted as an OPWC project changed. Clerk sent the updated estimate and sample drawing to those that have not yet seen it.

Mr. Easterwood shared thanks for allowing the firemen to utilize the maintenance building. There was a quick discussion on festivals and how there is a need for volunteers to make them happen. Mr. Myerholtz shared some information about surrounding farmers markets, specifically Haskins.

Citizens & Visitors

Shirley Moore, Deputy Spangenberg

Shirley Moore was in attendance to see the status of the business map. Shelly Myerholtz has been in contact with the Wood County Auditor's office, who will be providing maps; Shelly and Stephanie will be working on the maps together.

Deputy with WCSO was in attendance. Ken Taylor shared concern about young kids riding bikes down the middle of Oak St, it is dangerous when there is a distraction of ball games. Mayor also updated the deputy about a complaint of stopping at the 3 way stop at Oak and Broadway, and asked for enhanced presence. Mayor also asked if kids get pulled over on bikes, specifically those without a rear reflector, the deputy noted that they are not official traffic stops but if kids are being unsafe they will talk to them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk