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Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held July 6 20 24

The Village of Weston July 6, 2026
Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Commencement

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Easterwood at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
Roll call: Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Travis Ackerman, Ms. Erica Rupp, Ms. Jessica Susor, and Ms. Britteny Klockowski present. Mrs Ashley Patel was absent. A motion to excuse Mrs. Patel was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Ackerman; Approved unanimously.

Agenda/Minutes

During the review of the agenda for any additions or modifications, Ms. Klockowski requested that a special Cemetery Board meeting, scheduled for July 21st at 9:00 AM, be added to both the agenda and the village calendar.
Ms. Susor requested to address concerns from community residents regarding fireworks on July 4th, lasting well over 6 hours & beyond the 10:00 PM noise ordinance. Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Petree was in attendance to provide an update on the matter.
The minutes from the previous meeting were then presented for review. A motion to approve June 15, 2026 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Ms. Susor; Approved unanimously.

Deputy's Report and Community Concerns

Deputy Tyler Petree provided no additional updates but welcomed inquiries.
Mr. Warner expressed grievances regarding e-bikes and scooters disregarding stop signs, specifically at the intersection of Center and Union. Further concerns were noted regarding ATVs trespassing on private parcels. Observations were shared of three minors operating a single e-bike at high velocities on private property. The legal status of e-bikes was compared to that of mopeds, with a clarification that such vehicles are often classified alongside pedestrians provided they adhere to specific size and speed limitations. The difficulty of determining when an e-bike is under motorized power was likewise noted.
Ms. Susor addressed concerns about the extensive duration of July 4th fireworks, which reportedly persisted for six hours and caused heavy smoke, was discussed. Council explored the legality and licensing of specific pyrotechnics and the feasibility of opting out of state firework regulations via local ordinance. Challenges in enforcing noise mandates due to staffing constraints was addressed by Deputy Petree.

Old Business

Final Reading: Resolution 2026-6 Authorizing the Disposal of Village Property via Online Auction
The proposed resolution grants authority to dispose of excess Village property via GovDeals internet auction. Items slated for sale include various maintenance equipment and surplus inventory from EMS departments. A motion to adopt Resolution 2026-6 was made by Ms. Klockowski and seconded by Mr. Ackerman.
Roll Call Vote: Approved unanimously.

Second Reading: Resolution Establishing the Village of Weston Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Council conducted the Second Reading of the proposed Resolution establishing the Village Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. No action was taken.

Reports

Mayor:
The Mayor noted that ongoing collaboration with Helms & Sons and OHM Advisors continues for the 2026 street resurfacing initiative. Preparations for ADA-compliant sidewalk upgrades, concrete installations, and curb replacements are set for immediate commencement. The scope of work involves roughly 100 feet of curbing and extensive sidewalk adjustments to meet accessibility standards. Construction progress will be accompanied by the placement of necessary detours and traffic management signs.

Fiscal Officer/Administrative: Mayor Easterwood noted no additional updates but indicated that reports were accessible for review, inviting inquiries through email correspondence.

Administrator/Maintenance:

Mr. Boggs provided updates regarding village maintenance operations. Ongoing grass cutting remains a priority throughout the Village.. It was noted that Northwest Water has successfully concluded cleanup efforts at the site of their recent excavation. Permanent restoration of the affected pavement is scheduled to be performed by the contractor later in the current month. General upkeep and village-wide maintenance tasks proceed as planned.

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Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr. Taylor provided the zoning report, detailing several compliance and inquiry items.

A citizen inquiry was received on June 16th regarding the placement of a travel trailer on a residential parcel. On June 18th, compliance notifications were issued for furniture obstructing the boulevard on Oak Street and unpermitted PODs; one owner committed to securing a permit for a POD slated for removal within a thirty-day window. As of June 19th, a response was still pending from an Oak Street resident regarding poultry. By June 22nd, the owner of the Oak Street property with boulevard obstructions noted that vacated tenants had abandoned furniture and roughly eight felines; while the furniture was cleared, the feline situation remains unresolved. A Maple Street POD has since been removed. On June 30th, a resident's inquiry regarding mobile or manufactured homes was addressed with the clarification that mobile homes are restricted to designated parks, whereas manufactured homes must satisfy all established standards. A Taylor Street resident is currently addressing a compliance notice for a damaged fence, weighing repair versus removal. Mr. Taylor further initiated a discussion regarding North Main Street sidewalks, observing that while subdivisions are subject to sidewalk mandates, individual residences are not. The conversation explored whether to enforce this via subdivision code or alternative legal avenues, noting that historical sidewalk installations were often tied to school building plans.

Committee Reports

Committee meeting minutes are maintained separately by each committee and are available as public records.

Community Development 6/16

The report for the Community Development Committee was delivered by Ms. Rupp, with the minutes from the prior session receiving formal approval. The committee engaged in deliberations regarding promotional signage, including plans for a nighttime assessment of visibility. A comprehensive review of the 2022 feline ordinance was performed, specifically addressing leash mandates, animal confinement, and the management of strays. It was recommended that the current municipal code be amended to remove the \$20 daily impoundment fee and to more clearly define the legal responsibilities of owners. Regarding the upcoming 250th-year milestone, the committee concluded that current timelines and the lack of a formal logo preclude effective planning for a municipal celebration. While the committee considered logos from neighboring jurisdictions, they noted that a request for a commemorative placard was denied due to the absence of a qualifying historical event. It was clarified that such designations require a focus on historical monuments or heritage rather than social gatherings.

Planning Commission 6/17

Downtown District and Public Meeting

In Attendance: Logan Wick, Sherly Moore, Ken Taylor, Jessica Susor, Sue Clanton, Shad Kendall, and Rick Easterwood; Mayor Easterwood reported a meeting was held to discuss a transition of the downtown district framework from a resolution to a formal ordinance. It was noted that current zoning restricts first-floor residential use for properties in the commercial district that have remained vacant for specific durations. A proposal was introduced to permit the redevelopment of vacant parcels under R1 and R2 guidelines. Implementing this change would necessitate formal notification to all stakeholders within the commercial district and adjacent property owners regarding an upcoming public hearing. The Commission has scheduled this public meeting for August 13, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Safety Committee 6/22

The Safety Committee report was delivered by Mayor Easterwood ; *In Attendance: Tim Schroeder, In Attendance: Kathy Heyman, Stephanie Monts, Rick Easterwood, Travis Ackerman, Brittney Klockowski, and Amy Eckhardt.* Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. The committee reported 210 service calls to date for the year. Amy Eckhart of Medcount provided a review of municipal EMS billing for the period spanning June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026. While current figures remain within Medicare allowances, the committee is evaluating rate adjustments to offset the rising costs of equipment and medical supplies. Although the arrival date for the new ambulance remains unconfirmed, preparatory work continues, including the establishment of purchase orders for the transfer of the power lift system, radio equipment, and vehicle lettering.

Public Works 6/23

Ms. Klockowski presented the report from the June 23rd session, following the approval of previous minutes. *In attendance: Ms. Klockowski, Craig Warner, Jessica Susor, Mayor Easterwood, and Harold Boggs* . Updates were provided on the Washington Street initiative, with the committee electing to partner with OHM for grant applications in lieu of previous arrangements. While discussions touched upon including asphalt testing within the OPWC project scope, the committee determined such testing was redundant as the contractor already adheres to established ODOT standards. *A motion to rescind the OPWC grant application through DGL was made by Mr. Warner, second by Ms. Rupp and approved unanimously via roll call. Subsequently, a motion to authorize OHM to proceed with the OPWC grant application for the Washington Street project was made by Mr. Warner, second by Ms. Klockowski approved unanimously via roll call.*

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Records Commission

The report for the June 29th Records Commission meeting was delivered by Mayor Easterwood; *In Attendance: Mayor Easterwood, Stephanie Monts, Paul Skaff, Penny Taylor, and Anette Davis.* The commission performed a formal audit of the existing records retention schedule, specifically addressing protocols for video and audio recordings. Deliberations focused on the practical application of retention periods for electronic communications that are deemed to have no further administrative value. While the commission reviewed the state model provided in the 2000 edition of the Ohio Municipal Records Manual, they elected to perform a comparative study against current local standards before presenting final recommendations on August 10, 2026. Disposal protocols for sensitive and non-confidential materials were also addressed, with a directive to compile a comprehensive list of items slated for destruction. The commission aims to modernize local code, established in 2014, to better align with contemporary state standards and video streaming requirements.

Cemetery Board

The report for the July 2 Cemetery Board meeting was presented by Ms. Klockowski, covering updates on a new contract for a family monument. *In Attendance: Dawn Blandy, Jodie Domer, Robin Kaiser, Brenda Trumbull, Harold Boggs, and Brittney Klockowski.* The board announced a special session for July 21st to address revisions to existing rules. In response to requests from local funeral homes, the board is evaluating the implementation of after-hours surcharges or time-of-day restrictions for services. Progress on new signage continues, with a vendor being consulted for design specifications and pricing. Legal research into the cemetery trust fund is ongoing to determine if these assets can support broader maintenance beyond grave arrangements. Additionally, the board requested that engineering consultants identify potential grants for future projects and technical training. While a new monument has been placed, tree removal is pending an arborist's quote. Plans are also underway to pour foundations and acquire metal lot markers to replace missing site identifiers.

A motion to authorize up to \$150 for the purchase of lot markers was made by Robin; second by Brenda and approved. A Special Cemetery Board meeting is set for July 21st at 9:00 AM.

Upcoming Meetings:

Administrative Process Committee – July 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission – July 14, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting – July 20, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Community Development Committee – July 21, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

Special Cemetery Board Meeting – July 21, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Public Safety Committee – July 27, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee – July 28, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

New Business

Emergency Reading: Ordinance 2026-8 Authorizing Supplemental Appropriations for the 2026 Fiscal Year (Ambulance Acquisition)

The ordinance provides for supplemental appropriations necessary for the procurement of the new ambulance.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Warner; second by Ms. Klockowski. Roll Call: Mr. Warner – Yes; Mr. Ackerman – Yes; Ms. Rupp – Yes; Ms. Susor – Yes; Ms. Klockowski – Yes. Approved unanimously.

Council then proceeded to a vote regarding the formal adoption of Ordinance 2026-8. *A motion to approve was made by Ms. Klockowski, seconded by Ms. Susor; Roll Call: Mr. Warner – Yes; Mr. Ackerman – Yes; Ms. Rupp – Yes; Ms. Susor – Yes; Ms. Klockowski – Yes. Approved unanimously.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed a summary of the bills (\$16,217.86) and outstanding invoices (\$6,810.21). *A motion to approve the summary of the bills and payment of outstanding invoices was made by Ms. Susor; seconded by Ms. Rupp; Roll call - Approved unanimously*

Miscellaneous Business

Municipal Equipment

Council deliberated on the status of a disabled lawnmower currently housed in the municipal garage. It was observed that while the machinery is compatible only with specific apparatus, the deck from one John Deere unit is interchangeable with another, and the brush attachment remains functional. Although the acquisition of a newer model was suggested, the associated costs remain undetermined. It was further observed that the matter is currently pending further deliberation within the committee.

Bobby Bussinger Field Sign:

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Council engaged in deliberations regarding the installation of new signage within the municipal park, specifically focusing on a proposal to erect a commemorative marker at the primary ball diamond. The memorial is intended to honor Bobby Bussinger, a local athlete whose life was tragically lost in a bicycle accident. While such designations typically fall under the purview of the Weston Sports Initiative (WSI), Council explored the feasibility of the Village assuming responsibility for the maintenance of this memorial, noting that a similar tribute once existed on a scoreboard that was dismantled years ago.

A strong consensus was reached to preserve the "Bobby Bussinger Center Field" designation. To facilitate this, a motion to refer the memorial signage matter to the Administrative Process Committee was made by Ms. Susor, second by Ms. Rupp; Roll call: approved unanimously. The Administrative Process committee is tasked with coordinating efforts between the WSI and the Village to evaluate financial obligations and establish a permanent location for the tribute.

Citizens & Visitors

Attendees: Deputy Tyler Petree, Shirley Moore; Online: Ron Dallas

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:46 PM was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Ackerman; Approved unanimously by roll call.


Rick Easterwood, Mayor


Anette Davis, Clerk