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Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held December 4

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**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

December 4, 2023

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of the agenda. A roll call was taken: Ms. Jessica Susor, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave DeWitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to approve November 20, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Public Presentations and/or Hearings

Rob Fawcett with UIS Insurance was in attendance to present the PEP insurance renewal. There were increases to account for inflation, and a loyalty credit will be applied. Premium is \$14,340. Renewal is due December 19th.

Old Business

Ordinance 2023-26, amending certain sections of the Village of Weston income tax ordinance, incorporating changes into the Village income tax ordinance, received a final reading. *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-26 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Reports

Attendance: Stephanie Monts (Fiscal Officer), Harold Boggs (Village Administrator), Ken Taylor (Code Enforcement/Zoning Inspector)

Mayor: Tree Lighting event put on by Parks & Rec was a success with a lot of attendance.

Fiscal Officer: 20440 Walnut Street sold at the Forfeited Land Auction; was notified by the auditors office that due to the sale the assessments that were certified in September for the nuisance condition and grass cutting have been erased due to the terms of the sale and all previous delinquent assessments will be paid from the proceeds, the amount is approximately \$2,500 before interest/penalty. 2024 Holiday and Meeting calendar was presented with no changes needed.

Administrator/Maintenance: Leaves are done. Have been busy preparing for the tree lighting. Mr. Myerholtz pointed out that the road is broken on the edge of Silver/Oak Street.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: No permit has been issued since the previous report. Letters have been sent for a fence on Maple Street, fence and shed on Maple Street, tarped sheds in disrepair on Main Street, outbuilding in disrepair on Main Street, indoor furniture in front of the house on Center Street. The trailer park trash is still in the boulevard, organ on Oak Street has been removed from the boulevard but is behind a bush in the front yard.

Committee Reports

Ball Program Special Committee: Discussed board structure, general responsibilities, quarterly meetings, and volunteer committees. The five board members are: Chairmen, Treasurer, Player Development Coordinator, Community Relations Officer, and Facilities & Logistics Manager. Five interested board members include: Jerry Mohler, Ken Myers, LuAnn Hunt, Dennis Sauter, and Jeanettie Zamarripa.

Council reviewed the Weston Sports Initiative Board ordinance. Mr. Myerholtz expressed that the ordinance needs a deadline for the program to become a 501c3, and shared he does not believe the volunteers are fully aware of what they are getting into because at the meeting it seemed hard to get them to commit. There was discussion on the ball fund, and requested Paul Skaff give advice on a Friends of the Ball Program fund idea so the program doesn't start with \$0 when they go to a 501c3. Ms. Susor pointed out that the idea behind the ordinance is to establish board positions so those members can be sworn in so they can begin making decisions for the ball program's approaching season. There were recommendations given on what the ideal timeline would be to become a 501c3. It was pointed out that the members would be given this year to get the program in place and understand the roles, instead of being pushed to also turn it into a 501c3 before the end of the year, an ideal timeline/deadline would be 3-5 years. There was some disagreement on the timeline. An ideal timeline and checklist will be in an information binder handed out to all of the board members. It was suggested that the 3rd Whereas section of the ordinance be updated to make sure it is understood about the 501c3 deadline; update: "ease any future transition" to "ensure the future transition".

Ball Program Special Committee meeting has been scheduled for 12/14 at 6PM.

It was also recommended that Parks & Rec bring events/programs as a package with the budget to council. Clerk reiterated that during the last meeting there were a lot of conversations going on at the same time that may have caused some confusion on how the rec board operates. Clerk shared that she cleared up some confusion with the legal counsel, and pointed out that the rec board does not have full control of money, they are given a specific budget that must be followed that is set by council. There is also a purchasing policy, with a threshold that must be followed. Paul Skaff provided a conflict of interest policy and recommended that the council liaison would need to submit PO requests to the Fiscal Officer on behalf of the board. Mr. Easterwood shared that the rec board's \$12,500 budget is concerning, and asked why mulch doesn't come out of the rec board budget. The different rec board line items were explained by the Clerk, and it was pointed out that the mulch budget has always been the same amount and a few years ago it was moved out of the Parks & Rec line items but is still in the General Fund, which the Parks & Rec also operates out of the General Fund. Within the

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Parks & Rec line items only \$8,000 is available for the board to use for small park upgrades/additions and programming/events. Stephanie pointed out that mulch shouldn't be the responsibility of volunteers, that is why there is a maintenance line item that the Village Administrator oversees. Brittney Klockowski expressed that if the Parks & Rec budget is so concerning - lower it! Many of the council members did not want it to go that route and was disappointed in the comment, and the Mayor pointed out that the rec board is actively working on putting an event/program list together, which will be shared with council through upcoming rec board reports.

Upcoming Meetings: Cemetery 12/7 at 6PM, Administrative Process 12/11 at 6PM, Rec Board 12/13 at 6:30PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 12/21 at 5PM, Public Works and Safety have been canceled for December

New Business

Ordinance 2023-25 received an emergency reading; establishing the Weston Sports Initiative Board. The 3rd Whereas section should read: WHEREAS, The "Weston Sports Initiative Board" shall be structured in a similar way to a 501c3 Non-Profit organization in order to ensure the future transition into a citizen-led and citizen-funded organization. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2023-25 was made by Ms. Susor, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-25, with the previously recommended change to the 3rd Whereas section, was made by Ms. Susor, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved -5, Opposed - 1, Mr. Myerholtz.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$2,634.83 and TMACOG dues of \$363, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

There was brief continued discussion on the Administrator taking on Cemetery Sexton duties. The cemetery clerk was sent the proposal. Ms. Susor shared she has the concern of the Administrator handling the hiring in her notes to discuss with the board.

Mr. Easterwood expressed concern regarding the CAD agreement that was approved to be signed at the previous council meeting. He was unsure of what it all entails, the clerk pointed out that there is an agreement. He expressed he heard it could be a lot of money including installing computers, monthly service fees, etc. He expressed frustration with the "hurry up" from the county without details. Kathy, EMS Chief, is able to get the details if there are questions.

Citizens & Visitors

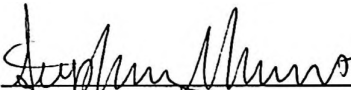
Christian Mackay, Mason Roe, Callie Tschappat, Kaidyn Hutton, Brittney Klockowski, Jerry Mohler, Deputy J. Zimmerman (WCSO), Rob Fawcett (UIS Insurance), Ron Dallas (Virtual)

Ron Dallas expressed that it seems as if minutes and agendas are posted online around the same time. Agendas are posted the Friday before a council meeting and minutes are posted once approved by council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM.



Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor



Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk