

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held February 21

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The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes

February 21, 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: Mrs. Ashley Patel, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave DeWitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. A motion to approve February 6, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Resolution 2023-3, to authorize the Mayor to sign a property remediation agreement, received a final reading. A motion for passage of Resolution 2023-3 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Reports

Attendance: Stephanie Monts (Fiscal Officer), Harold Boggs (Administrator)

Mayor: There is a Nature Works grant due June 21st that is a 25%/75% match, Public Works committee will be tasked to review this. Met with Haraz Ghanbari on February 10th and discussed economic development pathways for the industrial zone, shared contacts, Oak St safety corridor, and struggles with code enforcement. Working on a procedure/plan to put together as a more formal "docket" to submit to the sheriff in hopes they can be more helpful with code enforcement. Was invited to a Habitat for Humanity meeting on February 16th, next opportunity for a property in Weston is 2025. The Community Development & Public Affairs committee is tasked with updating the vacant property list that can be shared with Habitat. Met with Mr. Warner (Administrative Process committee chair), Mrs. Patel (Community Development & Public Affairs committee chair), and Mr. Easterwood (Public Works committee chair) for pre-agenda discussion for their committees. Pre-construction meeting was held with Kleinfelder, utilities and Vernon Nagel; the current hold up with the project start date is the gas company sourcing a valve, and Vernon Nagel cannot start until utilities are moved.

Fiscal Officer: Will be attending the Local Government Officials Conference on March 28th & 29th and will not be in the office those two days.

Administrator: Working on getting new quotes for other projects to bring to Public Works. Working on getting the public bathroom cleaned out and updated. Will work on getting the ball diamond area cleaned up and ready for the upcoming ball season. Would like to start durapatching in the next few weeks. Added stone to the existing ramp at the reservoir.

Zoning Inspector: A draft inoperable vehicle update has been shared with Ken. 20542 Elm St is being cleaned up and sold.

Committee Reports

Administrative Process: Discussed the police protection contract and increased rates. Would like the Safety committee to review the increase in the contract and discuss coverage hours. Discussed the possibility of postponing Main St repaving and use OPWC for this project. Plan to use remaining ARPA money to cover storm sewer projects pending what the remaining amount is after the Taylor St culvert replacement project is completed. Committee will review draft purchase and Reach Alert policies before the next meeting. Discussed the role of zoning inspector and job description. Instructed clerk to purchase a camera for Ken to use, as he is currently using a personal device. Discussed Mayor salary increase in order to appeal to more people that could be interested in the job, keeping in mind any change by council would not take effect until the next term.

Mr. Myerholtz asked if the committee is looking to eliminate the whole budget. It was shared that the idea is to hold off a year and focus on road maintenance, but the Public Works committee will need to review this more. Due to the current quote for Main St being above \$50,000 the Village would need to bid the project, but does not have the capability of doing the bidding process and engineered plans in house. Mr. Warner and Mayor added that the committee discussed general fund and reserves, and reviewed the last few years of the street fund which has shown the cash balance is depleting quickly.

Community Development & Public Affairs: Penny Taylor presented a vacant building registration and property maintenance sample ordinance. Discussed inoperable vehicles and updating the definitions, regulations and penalty, plan to have this ready by the next meeting for a first reading.

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Briefly discussed the Humane Ohio trapping program, Ashley is reaching out to Humane Ohio for more information on trapping and how the program works. Brainstormed an incentive program for empty buildings and lands, the Mayor presented that if you sell the property or building we could knock off certain assessments. Planned a Weston Day community day to get the community involved by a cleanup in the parks and cemetery, doing a grill out, and a fishing event to make the whole day about bringing the community together. Approved submitting for two grant opportunities for the community day.

Mr. Myerholtz had asked what exactly is being updated in the inoperable vehicle regulations. Mayor reviewed definitions in the sample and emailed a draft to all of the council. Mr. Myerholtz also inquired about vehicles that do not move or are backed in and making sure the ordinance addresses making the owners prove that the vehicle is operable. Mayor confirmed that certain words in the ordinance were updated for Ken, at his discretion, to request the owner prove the vehicle is operable if they feel they are not in violation. Mayor added he is working on a code enforcement procedure to share within the next few days. Another concern was brought up for properties that are corner lots.

Upcoming Meetings: Rec Board 2/22 at 6:30PM, Safety 2/23 at 5:30PM, Public Works 2/28 at 6PM, Cemetery 3/2 at 6PM

New Business

Ordinance 2023-2 received an emergency reading; an ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2023 Edition, as the code of ordinances for the municipality of Weston Village, Ohio. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2023-2 was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Easterwood, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Warner, Mr. Babcock, Mrs. Patel. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-2 was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Mr. Myerholtz requested council discussion to see how the council feels about starting the process for new zoning regulations. The Mayor and Mr. Warner asked Mr. Myerholtz to point out specific things wrong in our current zoning code. Mr. Myerholtz said that the council just needs to compare it to Haskins' zoning code. Mayor has a list from Ken, who has provided feedback on what our code needs. Mr. Myerholtz and Mr. Warner argued about the process of tackling the zoning code revisions, and Mr. Warner pointed out that they are arguing the same things but the way of going about it is in disagreement. The Community Development & Public Affairs is actively working on zoning code updates and worked on a subdivision code last year.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$15,305.11, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

No miscellaneous business presented.

Citizens & Visitors

Shirley Moore, Jigar Patel (Virtual)

Jigar Patel made note that he has heard a lot about zoning regulations and pointed out that no committee is going to be able to do the changes as they are not professionals and recommended the council look into hiring an outside zoning firm. Jigar also pointed out that Haskins and Pemberville are not comparable due to a much higher median household income.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.


Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor


Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk