

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held

August 22

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**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

August 22, 2023

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 6:01PM, 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 August 7, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of the Village of Weston, in regards to rezone multiple parcels of 20425 Taylor Street from R-1 to R-2 received a second reading.

Mayor formed a special committee to discuss the future of the town ball program. Committee responsibility is to figure out the different ways and what makes the most sense on how the program will be handled, which needs to be figured out before the end of the year. Committee consists of: Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock, and Mr. Myerholtz. The committee will have its first meeting on September 19th at 6PM.

Reports

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

Mayor: Met with Mike Avila (on Taylor Street) with Harold and talked about the issue with his driveway and came up with a plan that is acceptable to him and then called Mike Sasso who met and worked everything out to propose a plan with Vernon Nagel Inc. Nagel is willing to put work into and fix the edge and partial driveway, and the homeowner expressed he is open to paying for most of his driveway to be paved. Will reach out to Morlock for an estimate to provide to Kleinfelder and VNI. The next step is to work with Mike Sasso for the final punch list and discuss some landscaping issues. Adult softball league starts this Sunday playing 6 - 1 hour long games until around the end of October. Working through logistics of opening up the concession stand. Requested the port-a-pot be moved back to the ball diamond for the adult league games. Mayor volunteered his time to drag the fields.

Fiscal Officer: An individual wrote a bad check for EMS services bill, we currently have no bad check policy in place. A draft sample the Fiscal Officer wrote up was presented to council, and will be referred to the Administrative Process committee to review and confirm the bad check fee recommendation from the Fiscal Officer.

Administrator: Silver Street storm sewer project is complete and flowing, it was cleaned and a new pipe put in. Ms. Susor pointed out that there is a streetlight out on Union/Washington. Harold shared he was approached by a resident that has a neighboring fence not being weed whacked.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: Not in attendance, a report was provided to council. The Clerk read a section from the report that was requested to have discussion by Ken:

"*17 August ~ Received a call from a property owner on Oak Street, questioning my letter of an inoperable vehicle not being covered. His opinion is that his vehicle, while inoperable, is sitting on a licensed trailer and can be driven on any street without a cover ~ how can we make him cover the vehicle that is on the trailer? My thought is that the trailer and vehicle are currently sitting in the right-of-way therefore would be a different case than being hauled down the road. Another issue is that the vehicle is located in the road right-of-way and the ordinance specifically states "private property", and there is no current ordinance against parking on the street. He wants me to check with council and Paul and get back to him."

Mayor pointed out you cannot park a trailer in the right-of-way, it can be parked in the side or back of property. Mayor said he will follow up with the property owner. Ms. Susor also pointed out that the ordinance has a car limit as well. Street parking will be discussed in committee.

Mr. Easterwood pointed out the issues of parking at the public lot. Right now there is a contractor not doing work in the Village parking in the lot. It was also pointed out there may be some inoperable vehicles parked in the lot as well. Mr. Easterwood recommended some kind of regulations are needed for that lot.

Council had some discussion regarding the emotional support animal note in Ken's report. Mayor explained the ESA needs to have a physician letter with the ESA certificate. Mr. Easterwood said a resident stopped him in public and shared that the pig is rarely inside. Mr. DeWitt expressed he understands mental disorders, but where do you draw the line?

Committee Reports

Rec Board: Approved Fall Fest on October 14th from 4-7PM on Main Street which will include a chili cook-off, photo ops, fall games and activities, scarecrow royalty contest, jack-o-lantern line up on Main, scavenger hunt, treats and cider, and Halloween movie showing. Approved Halloween Monster Mash (dance) on Main with costume contest on October 28th from 5-6PM, with Trick or Treat time TBD. Approved to no longer do monetary gifts for contests. Discussed Christmas themed events for December 2nd and 16th. Discussed smaller events to finish out the year such as a fairy garden geocache and brainstormed ideas for the elderly and teens, and doing an event for Grandparents Day. Brittney shared she is looking into grants for a community center. The board shared goals, one of which is to build back community pride that makes people want to stay and/or move back to Weston, with a recommendation from Mr. Myerholtz to put together a master plan.

Cemetery: Debbie Roe-Vollmar with Modern Woodmen came to discuss next year's Memorial Day volunteer event on May 18th (Saturday a week before the holiday). Possibilities including a half day event with a

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sponsored lunch for volunteers and the potential of additional funding for a special project or two. Ms. Susor also added that Debbie Roe-Vollmar is willing to help with fundraising for other special projects for the Village. Discussed the idea of a friends of the cemetery group. The Ohio Cemetery Grant has been filed for \$2,500 to fix the rotting stairs, the total cost estimate from Palmer to fix eight stairs is \$5,000. Wood County Genealogical Society was discovered to manage the current lantern tours in Wood County, and will be contacted for more information. Three burials in the last month. Still checking with fabricators to fix the front metal gates. The Sexton suggested the benefit of having a second mower/lawn tractor that could be used. Sexton resignation on hold through the end of the year and potentially further. WPA outhouse still on hold, but working toward the sale on GovDeals. Palmer price increase of open/close went from \$250 to \$260 per burial. Took a cemetery tour. Requesting reappropriation of funds for the mausoleum demolition, Palmer quote is \$4,168.80

Community Development & Public Affairs: Reviewed parking in alleys and narrow streets; exceptions and keeping of fences and accessory structures. Paul Skaff is reviewing the keeping of fences and accessory structures draft. Reviewed maintaining weeds, grass, etc and need to add a section for natural habitats and will work to coincide with other ordinances being worked on. Request for council to approve to use Suburban Gas grant money towards the TNR program.

Upcoming Meetings: Administrative Process 8/23 at 6PM, Safety 8/24 at 5:30PM, Public Works 8/29 at 6PM, Council Meeting 9/5 (Tuesday) at 6PM - due to Labor Day

New Business

Ordinance 2023-14 received an emergency reading; an ordinance making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, for mausoleum demolition and grave digging. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2023-14 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 2023-14 was made by Ms. Susor, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Resolution submitting votes to fill a vacant board seat on the NWWSD received a first reading.

Council reviewed and discussed the draft ordinance for keeping of accessory structures and fences. Mr. DeWitt pointed out fences do not have manufacturer specs, as well as those that are hand built, and recommended "factory standards" definition be replaced with "modern standard building practices". Mr. Myerholtz asked if attached garages are considered an accessory structure, Mayor indicated that attached garages were not considered an accessory structure. The Ordinance for keeping of fences and accessory structures received a first reading.

Ordinance for management of cat population received a first reading. The passage of this ordinance would also include approval to submit the Suburban Natural Gas grant for the TNR program and purchasing traps. Concerns were expressed for purchasing traps and making sure they are tracked because of it being public property. The TNR program with For the Love of Cats is similar to the program we were looking at with Humane Ohio, the other idea is having SNG pay the grant money directly to the vet.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$31,422.52, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Council discussed a road closure request from the Parks & Rec Board for the Fall Fest on October 14th and Monster Mash on October 28th. Fall Fest road closure will be Main Street from Village Hall to Locust Street and Mill Street to Alley from noon - end of tear down (event ends at 7PM), the Monster Mash road closure will be Main Street from Cherry St to RR tracks; a motion to approve the road closure was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

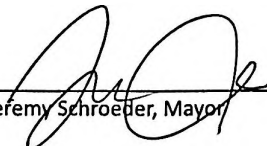
Citizens & Visitors

Brittney Klockowski, Shirley Moore

Shirley Moore asked if the trees in the ditch at 235 and Taylor will be cut. Rowe's Tree Service will be cleaning them up.

Brittney Klockowski shared she knows a person who writes grants and if the Village would be interested in meeting with him. This will be discussed at the Administrative Process meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.


Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor


Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk