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The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2026

Meeting Commencement

The Village of Weston Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Easterwood at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll call: Craig Warner, Travis Ackerman, Erica Rupp, Jessica Susor, Ashley Patel Brittney Klockowski).

Agenda/Minutes

Mayor Easterwood requested additions or corrections to the agenda. Mrs. Patel requested to add under Miscellaneous Business, a discussion regarding increased patrols at the Village cemeteries after dark was added.
A motion was made by Mrs. Patel, Second: Mr. Warner to approve the agenda as amended; Approved unanimously.
The minutes of the July 20, 2026 Council Meeting were presented for review. *A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Ackerman; Approved unanimously*

Wood County Health Department – Mobile Health Center
Leslie Madaras, representing the Wood County Health Department, provided an overview of the recently launched Mobile Health Center. This initiative features a twenty-eight-foot converted vehicle functioning as a dual-room clinical facility, supported by a three-year rural health grant. Operational at no expense to the Village, the unit is currently managed by a full-time Registered Nurse and a Community Health Worker. Available services include walk-in consultations and complimentary screenings for cholesterol, glucose, and blood pressure. Prospective expansions involve A1C diagnostics, mental health evaluations, harm reduction efforts, Narcan distribution, and immunizations for COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

The Health Department has utilized the mobile unit in adjacent areas for half a year and expressed a formal desire to integrate Weston into its standard service rotation. To optimize this scheduling, a rapid needs assessment survey will be administered to identify ideal clinical sites, operational hours, and specific health needs. Deliberations ensued regarding the necessity of a reliable schedule that also accommodates community gatherings and alternative evening or weekend availability.

Suggested locations for the unit included the local library, the Weston Church of Christ Food Bank, and various high-visibility recreational areas. Although equipped with an internal generator, the unit may utilize Village electrical resources when accessible. It was clarified that no municipal permit is required for operation. Furthermore, the program serves as a referral bridge to primary care, dental services, pharmacies, and the Wood County Hospital.

A demonstration event is tentatively scheduled for September 1, 2026 during the Senior Time at the library, followed by a demo clinic afterwards. Council liked the prospect of hosting a public open house to familiarize the community with these resources.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, and approved unanimously to authorize the provision of Village electrical power to the Mobile Health Center when needed for scheduled events. The Village will coordinate power access and site selection, while providing a formal letter of support. Ms. Madaras will facilitate the distribution of the needs assessment survey link through the Village Clerk, and residents are encouraged to participate.

Deputy's Report and Cemetery Concerns
The meeting transitioned to the law enforcement report, with specific focus on illicit ATV and dirt bike activity within the Village cemetery. Reports of disrespectful behavior and littering prompted a request for enhanced security. The Deputy confirmed that patrols will be increased at the cemetery vicinity, particularly after 7:00 PM, to deter unauthorized vehicle use and related mischief. It was reaffirmed that ATVs are prohibited on all public roadways, and a recent incident involving a minor operator was noted for the record.

Old Business - No new Business

Reports

Mayor: Condolences for EMS Personnel: Mayor Easterwood offered formal sympathies to the family of Chad Alan Duaster, the spouse to Jeff Dauster, a dedicated member of the Village emergency medical services. It was confirmed that a message of condolence has been formally extended on behalf of the Village.

Fiscal Officer/Clerk: The Fiscal Report was presented by Mayor Easterwood. The Village is officially undergoing an agreed-upon procedures audit, and the auditor collected the requested records on July 31st. Mrs. Monts reported that the Village's request for a new official government domain name was approved; the initial request for WestonOhio.gov was not approved because it did not clearly identify the government entity, if approved the official web address will be **villageofwestonohio.gov.** All Village departments were instructed to begin preparing their 2027 budget requests so the Administrative Process Committee can review them and ensure timely preparation of appropriations. The first reading of the 2027 Appropriation Ordinance is scheduled for the October 19th Council meeting, and Council liaisons were asked to notify their respective boards and commissions of the budget request timeline.

Administrator/Maintenance: Administrator Harold Boggs reported:
Administrator Boggs provided a status update on Village maintenance efforts, including pothole repairs on Silver and Oak streets and the remediation of a catch basin. It was reported that Ms. Klockowski inquired regarding whether the safety corridor application was submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation. Harold stated it was denied. Mayor Easterwood mentioned a coordination meeting involving Ron, Noah, Brittney, and tentatively is scheduled for September 10th at 4:00 PM to evaluate requirements for the Taylor Street and Main Street corridors. Additionally, Mrs. Patel will initiate contact with the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding necessary tree trimming along Route 235

Code Enforcement and Permits: Zoning Inspector Ken Taylor presented the report

- Mr. Taylor addressed a zoning and land use matter pertaining to a proposed manufactured home at 20830 Sycamore Street. It was noted for the record that natural gas utility services have been inactive at the site since March 2023. The status of an unoccupied mobile home on Sycamore Street, held by CM Precision Properties, was evaluated. The structure was identified as non-compliant based on a vacancy exceeding three years and the subsequent expiration of its legal non-conforming status. Deliberations proceeded with a notation that certified letters were sent on the 23rd. Subsequent to failed outreach efforts to the property owner, the premises were declared a nuisance.
  A motion was made by Mr. Warner, Seconded by Mrs. Patel and Approved unanimously by Council.
- A ten-day correction period was established, after which the Village reserves the right to initiate formal legal proceedings for the removal of the structure.
- Formal approval was granted for a greenhouse and circular driveway on Sycamore Street, along with auxiliary storage sheds located at 13285 High Street and 13316 Main Street.
- Developmental considerations for Brook Lane were addressed, specifically focusing on the infrastructure requirements for water, sanitary sewer, and roadway extensions necessary to facilitate future construction.
- Council reviewed the rezoning criteria for the former Kendall property on Evon Lane as a prerequisite for potential residential development at the site.

Due to a fire emergency, Mayor Easterwood departed the meeting at 6:43 PM. *Following a motion by Ms. Rupp, seconded by Ms. Susor, Council voted unanimously via Roll Call to excuse the Mayor.* Ms. Susor subsequently assumed leadership duties in his absence.

Committee Reports
It was noted the Cemetery Board meeting previously slated for August 6, 2026 at 6:00PM was canceled.

Community Development 7/21
Presented by Mrs. Patel; In Attendance: Ashley Patel, Travis Ackerman, Erica Rupp
The Community Development Committee engaged in deliberations regarding downtown beautification strategies, including the allocation of the suburban natural gas fund and identifying setbacks related to the gazebo shingle replacement project. A revised draft of a nuisance cat ordinance is currently under review
Concerns were raised by local businesses regarding the 235 advertisement sign; primary complaints involve insufficient visibility attributed to its dimensions, proximity to high-speed traffic, and current placement. Efforts to enhance visibility through grant acquisition remain ongoing, with recent lighting replacements providing minor improvements during evening hours. Additionally, it was noted that overgrown foliage is obstructing northbound visibility. The committee is investigating grant opportunities via the Lake Erie West for regional economic development strategies encompassing Lucas, Wood, and Hancock counties. A significant logistical challenge was identified regarding grant disbursement structures, which typically reimburse expenses only upon project completion; this requirement often presents a financial hardship for small businesses undertaking long-term capital improvements.

Grant and Beautification Discussions
The session commenced with an inquiry regarding the grant application process. It was observed that while grants provide essential support, the standard delay in payouts until project finalization creates a barrier for businesses managing extended operational timelines without immediate income. Discussion ensued regarding the utilization of grants for various community purposes, noting that their availability is contingent upon active applications and local participation. Previous successful grant recipients, including a mural proposal, were cited as examples of past

initiatives. The committee confirmed the existence of a beautification fund, currently totaling $1,500. Structural considerations were addressed, specifically the necessity of building inspections and masonry remediation prior to painting; it was noted that current brick conditions preclude immediate painting without addressing underlying mortar deficiencies. Regarding the mural project, the committee evaluated the proposed scale and available surface area from the sidewalk to the perimeter fence. *A motion was made by Ms. Klockowski, seconded by Ms. Rupp and approved without opposition to incorporate business grants and murals into the formal agenda.*

Public Safety 7/27:
Mrs Patel presented the Public Safety report. In attendance Travis Ackerman, Brittney Klockowski, Kathy Heyman, and Ashley Patel and approval of the previous meeting minutes.

- The Committee addressed the status of the new ambulance procurement, noting that no updates were available; Jamie and Tim are continuing to facilitate follow-up inquiries. Regarding personnel training, Julia has successfully concluded her coursework and is awaiting clinical placement. Deliberations ensued concerning the stop sign located at the intersection of Center and Evon Streets, with a "Slow" advisory sign proposed as a potential alternative. Mrs. Patel will initiate contact with Marissa Bechstein to coordinate a traffic study for the vicinity. While Ms. Bechstein can provide historical crash data, it was noted that a comprehensive safety evaluation would necessitate an engineering firm, though an internal study remains a point of consideration. Council identified excessive speed and motorist inattentiveness as primary issues. It was observed that the presence of a stop sign at the trailer park would effectively establish a four-way stop configuration at the Center and Evon intersection.
- Kathy will secure photographic documentation of the current 915 unit for Govdeals. The June Medicount financial summary reported billings of $2,163.99 with associated fees of $162.30. Year-to-date disbursements reached $34,428.04, involving $2,582.11 in billing expenses.
- Council evaluated the feasibility of increasing Sheriff patrol hours contingent upon budgetary availability. *A motion to send to Administrative Process regarding increased Sheriff patrol hours was made by Ms. Klockowski, Seconded by Mrs. Patel and formally approved by Roll Call.* The Administrative Process Committee is tasked with reviewing the County Sheriff line item, specifically regarding the recertification of the control light component. Correspondence will be initiated with Harold regarding the signage requirements.
- Further considerations were addressed regarding speed limit signage, including the strategic relocation of signs closer to the intersection and into the Village interior to potentially serve as traffic volume counters. Due to the proximity of school bus stops, the committee evaluated "Slow" signs and illuminated speed indicators. The installation of a pole-mounted flashing sign within the market parking area was also discussed. Council reached a consensus to temporarily relocate the speed limit sign between Evon and the market while conducting further research into the logistical costs and specifications of various sign models for future presentation.

Key action items were identified as follows: Mrs. Patel will consult with Marissa regarding the traffic assessment; the Administrative Process Committee will evaluate the control light recertification; outreach to Haroldl concerning signage will be conducted; and a comparative analysis of costs for flashing speed limit indicators will be initiated.

Public Works 7/28: The report was presented by Brittney Klockowski; In attendance In Attendance: Craig Warner, Harold Boggs, Rick Easterwood, Jessica Susor, and Brittney Klockowski; The July Public Works meeting minutes were approved.

- The committee discussed a sign removed at Cherry and Willow and a citizen complaint regarding speeding and vehicles driving through a resident's yard. An update was provided on the Washington Street project, including a resolution requesting OHM to apply for OPWC funding for 2027. Craig will follow up with the GIS Plan regarding Phase Two.
- Harold repaired wiring on equipment that would not start, returning it to service. The Fire Hall storm drain was inspected due to low water levels and was clear approximately 30 feet; the use of a snake camera remains an option. Grass seeding is pending the availability of a tiller, and Harold plans to fill in the corner of Silver Oak while continuing road grading. A follow-up contact number for streetlights was provided.
- The committee discussed a citizen complaint by Allan Barbour regarding the stop sign at Cherry and Willow. The sign was determined to be unnecessary due to insufficient traffic and the nursing home no longer operating at that location. Council agreed the speed sign could be borrowed.
- The committee continued discussing the need for a tiller, including the possibility of borrowing equipment. However, equipment such as a Harley rake or tow-behind tiller would be required. The feasibility of borrowing from a private citizen was also considered. Council agreed to obtain pricing for the needed equipment, but no purchase will be made at this time. The timing of grass seeding was also discussed in consideration of the approaching colder weather.

Upcoming Meetings: Cemetery Board 8/6 @ 6PM - CANCELED; Records Commission 8/10 @ 5PM; Admin Process 8/10 @ 6PM; Tree Commission 8/11 @ 6PM, Planning Commission Public Hearing 8/13 @ 5:30PM; Community Development 8/18 @ 5:30PM; Public Safety 8/24/27 @6PM; Public Works 8/25 @6PM

New Business:

Emergency Resolution 2026-8: Emergency Reading: RES 2026-8 Authorize OPWC Application for Washington St. *A motion to suspend the statutory rules, by Mr. Warner, Seconded by Ms. Klockowski, approved unanimously by roll call vote. Ms.Susor abstained from the vote, citing a professional conflict of interest when she stepped in for Mayor Easterwood. A motion to declare an emergency was made by Ms. Klockowski, Seconded by Mr. Warner, approved unanimously by Roll Call*

Emergency Resolution 2026-9: Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to Execute the Ohio Department of Medicaid Emergency An emergency resolution was introduced to authorize the Fiscal Officer to enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding supplemental payments for emergency medical services. This agreement facilitates the reimbursement of costs associated with healthcare services provided to Medicaid-eligible residents. *A motion to suspend the statutory rules, by Mr. Warner, Seconded by Mrs. Patel, approved unanimously by roll call vote. Ms.Susor abstained from the vote, citing a professional conflict of interest when she stepped in for Mayor Easterwood. A motion to declare an emergency was made by Mrs. Patel, Seconded by Ms. Rupp and, approved unanimously by Roll Call*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed a summary of the bills ($13,281.98) and outstanding invoices ($8,822.74). *A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Ms. Rupp, to approve the expenditure summary and settle the outstanding invoices; Approved unanimously.*

Miscellaneous Business: Nothing to report

Citizens & Visitors

In Attendance: Shirly Moore, Leslie Madaras, Sgt. C. Reynolds; Online: Ron Dallas

Taylor Street Project Update: An inquiry from Mrs. Moore, was addressed regarding the Taylor Street improvements. The project remains active, with outstanding work consisting of pavement striping and storm drain remediation. Although paving was expedited to avoid conflicts with the agricultural harvest, a coordination meeting involving the engineering firm and project leads is set for the upcoming Monday. Residents who need further clarification are encouraged to reach out to the Village Clerk.

Handicap Accessibility and Parking Regulations: Mr. Dallas requested clarification regarding the legality of parking adjacent to newly installed handicap accessibility curbs. Ms. Klockowski reported that these locations will be professionally striped to denote restricted parking zones. It was noted that while certain curb transitions predated the current initiative, the new installations—primarily focused near the Village Hall—will ensure that parking restrictions are clearly delineated to maintain unobstructed access for the disabled.

Adjournment

Mayor Easterwood called for adjournment at 7:11 PM

***Motion:** Mr. Warner; **Second:** Mrs.Patel; **Roll Call:** Motion carried.*

Rick Easterwood, Mayor

Anette Davis, Clerk