

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held October 2 2023

**The Village of Weston  
Council Meeting Minutes**

October 2, 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 September 18, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

**Old Business**

Ordinance making supplemental appropriations for v-plow purchase was expected to receive a second reading, but was tabled due to Public Works making the recommendation not to move forward with the purchase due to issues with the truck. Harold was instructed to keep a lookout for a used truck within the next 1-5 years.

**Reports**

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

**Mayor:** Mayor provided an update regarding the punch list items and driveway issue from culvert project. Contractor had agreed to do a clean cut on the rough edge of the driveway and put in some kind of small berm, and only 25' of driveway asphalt. The original communication with Kleinfelder was 45' of driveway. To do the complete 45' it would cost an extra \$3,335. Miguel Avila was in attendance to express concern for erosion and the poor quality that was done. The contract allows 8% to be held until the project is 100% complete. Council questioned why the contractor doesn't have liability on the damaged drive. It was shared that Kleinfelder says it's the contractors obligation to fix the edge but no obligation to fix the drive as their machinery did not cause the damage besides where it was cut. Mr. Myerholtz indicated he would approve the additional \$3,335 but it is coming out of the retainer that is held. Mr. Easterwood pointed out that across the street was beautified and it seems as if the "funds" ran out, which seems unfair to the other property owner (Avila's) affected by this project. Mr. Myerholtz also expressed that we have lost confidence in the contractor. Ms. Susor shared she is not pleased with what they are offering and the confidence has been lost. Mr. DeWitt expressed that we are responsible for taking care of it because we went forward with the project, but do not have much faith in Nagel. Mr. DeWitt also pointed out that the last person to touch the project will be responsible for any future issues. Mayor recommended council approve up to \$7,500 to get this project complete. Council did not feel comfortable with this and requested Paul Skaff get involved and provide an opinion on the situation. *Ms. Susor made a motion for Nagel to complete the punch list items minus the driveway paving, and the paving portion to be discussed with Paul Skaff, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.*

**Fiscal Officer:** Aspen Energy was able to get the street lights account into a 48 month term at \$0.0529 per kWh. Have been working on trying to calculate the final amount left in the ARPA fund, after the final culvert project payment and storm sewer work on Taylor Street there should be an estimated \$18,945 left.

**Administrator/Maintenance:** Put up lights downtown. Patched Silver Street from Oak to Cresset Chemical, Maple Street from Oak to Taylor Street, patched spots on Oak Street, Washington Street, and a spot on the corner of Taylor and Milton Street. OPWC Main Street project was not awarded.

**Code Enforcement/Zoning:** Signed permit for temporary haunted house structure. Wood County ditch inspector said the ditch was scheduled to be cleaned but was not and is now scheduled for spring 2024. Received a call from the resident at 20295 Oak Street regarding inoperable vehicles and they have been relocated off site and trailers removed from boulevard. Final notice for inoperable vehicles at 20390 Locust Street was sent. Issues around town to receive notices included: 6 properties for grass, a couch in boulevard on Oak Street, and a letter to be sent regarding the new fence/accessory structure ordinance.

**Committee Reports**

**Ball Program Special Committee:** Reviewed an agenda for the special committee and was determined that the committee will need a chairperson by the 3rd meeting, and the intention is to wrap up within 3 meetings. Took time to discuss the challenges with the ball program and identified past problems, current affairs, and other relevant obstacles. Some of the things identified were: dwindling participation, less parents able to help, lack of proper organization behind it, increased travel team opportunities, increased concession costs, poor sportsmanship/trouble with parents, availability of umpires, increased complexity between different leagues, lack of help. The committee discussed ideas and short and long term goals. Talked about some of the possible ways to gain a better understanding of the task at hand, and identified both a short term goal and long term goal - maintain a program to enable our children to participate in town ball, and - structure and encourage the program to easily turn into a 501c3. Other ideas and possible solutions to some of the obstacles were identified. The committee would like to see a plan that contains at least 5 volunteers. The committee identified some of the questions that needed to be answered, and delegated those tasks to the committee members. Mr. Myerholtz will seek information from the other communities on some of the specifics on how they operate their concession stands. Ms. Susor will contact Stephanie, whom the committee identified as an important cog in continuing to run the program, for insight in ensuring that any plans take her position and potential added duties into consideration. Mr. Babcock will contact Michelle McClure to get her advice, Michelle being the most recent person to run the ball program. Mayor will start the draft of a 5-person committee. Would like to issue an invite for the public to attend the next meeting on October 10th. Committee members are encouraged to identify past, present, and future stakeholders for an invitation to the next meeting.

**Community Development & Public Affairs:** Briefly discussed the current progress of working through code enforcement updates. The committee is currently active on an ordinance update in regards to brush, weeds, grass, etc. Reviewed a project that the Administrator would like to move forward on, the project includes stringing lights across the south portion of Main Street, this project total is expected to cost less than \$2,000 and will be taken from the Administrator's budget in 2024. Discussed the possibility of a new council building/community building, and went over some of the potential uses, the target demographic, and some ideas on how to fund the project. Talked about a couple of lingering projects that may be able to be taken up by the committee including a natural prairie at Alumni Park and the walking path. Since the natural prairie would incur minimal costs, the committee is moving forward with

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Dean planning out a footprint of the project, and working on a plan with Harold to move this forward. The walking path was discussed, but no decision was recommended. The walking path was submitted under the NatureWorks grant and award notification should happen sometime in November. Discussed the 'Thrive' vacant property program, specifically to form an understanding on cost to benefit, no actions were taken, but the proposal is being drafted. Discussed tree planting and identified some boulevards and the small diamond. Talked about the small diamond in general and identifying concerns about it being "lesser quality and amenities".

**Public Works:** Crack sealing of the remaining product has been postponed until spring. Discussed Main Street OPWC project if awarded, the plan B was to do Main Street from Cherry to as far as the budget allows. Silver Street north of trailer park on hold. 1-ton truck estimate for repairs is around \$27,000. Sidewalk policy needs to be drafted for criteria, there is still a question of responsibility of the homeowner or village. Approved to pay Thayer for the invoice to quote truck repairs and storm sewer project with Palmers on Taylor Street.

Council had a discussion on sidewalk repair criteria. Mr. Warner shared issues of accessibility would be grass gaps and 1-3 inch differentials. Mr. Myerholtz introduced placing a special sidewalk levy on the ballot. It was pointed out that there is already money recommended to be set aside that can cover the cost of sidewalk repair. Mayor pointed out there are about 25 major issues throughout the Village. Discussed a grading scale for sidewalks. Recommended the Village owned sidewalks be taken care of first.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Rec Board rescheduled to 10/3 at 6PM, Cemetery 10/5 at 6PM, Administrative Process 10/9 at 6PM, Ball Program Special Committee 10/10 at 6PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 10/19 at 5PM, Public Works 10/24 at 6PM, Safety 10/26 at 5:30PM

#### New Business

No new business at this time.

#### Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$36,336.63, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.

#### Miscellaneous Business

Weston Church of Christ Family Fun Day is Saturday, October 7th and is seeking road closure of Elm Street. Mr. Warner made a motion to approve the road closure for the event, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.


The Wood County Park District Grant is complete and ready to be submitted for the basketball court resurfacing and redesign. One of the questions on the grant application is "would you be willing to accept a partial award"; council unanimously approved to mark YES on the application with the stipulation that if the award is too small the project would have to be discussed before moving forward.

#### Citizens & Visitors

Shirley Moore, Miguel Avila, Russell Harshberger

Mr. Harshberger was in attendance regarding purchasing the empty lot between him and the neighbor (from Bud Brown). The idea is that once it is paid himself and his neighbor want to split the lot and add their half to their existing properties. They need the Village's approval for this. Council requested guidance from Paul Skaff on what needs to be done and if the Planning Commission needs to be involved in this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

  
Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

  
Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk