

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held April 20

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**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

April 20, 2026

Meeting Commencement

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Easterwood at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the agenda was opened for additions or modifications. Brenna Reynolds was added to the top for a presentation . A roll call was taken: Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Travis Ackerman, Ms. Erica Rupp, Mrs. Ashley Patel, Ms. Jessica Susor, and Ms. Brittney Klockowski. *A motion to approve April 6, 2026 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Ms. Rupp; Approved unanimously.*

Public Presentation

Brenna Reynolds was in attendance to introduce herself as a candidate for Wood County Commissioner currently serving her second term on Rossford City Council. She highlighted her experience in collaboration, specifically mentioning her role in forming a committee to transition Rossford's fire department from volunteer to full-time, which resulted in a standalone department. She also discussed her quarterly community conversations aimed at gaining public input and increasing transparency, and noted over 40 bipartisan endorsements for her commissioner race.

Old Business

The State Capital Budget update revealed that none of the projects qualified for funding. Ms. Klockowski spoke with Haraz Ghanbari , who agreed to have Emily re-examine the funding. Mr. Warner, asked Ms. Klockowski to follow up with Emily Graham, which Ms. Klockowski agreed to do. Ms. Susor also plans to contact Emily's finance board contact—the decision-maker for approvals—for assistance with both the state capital and a federal budget.

Reports

Mayor: Mayor Easterwood informed Council that the fire department requested permission to close Locust Street between Taylor and Main for pump testing. This is necessary because the usual location at the school will still be occupied by students. The fire department requires a large space for this testing, and the corner of Main Street and the facility is suitable. They requested authority to close the road on Thursday, May 14th, during the day. Harold will be consulted to ensure access for necessary parties. The process involves positioning a trailer parallel to Main Street, blocking traffic, and then connecting hoses to charge the lines for a 10-minute duration. *A motion was made by Mrs. Patel to close the road on May 14th for pump testing, specifically on Main Street and Taylor Street on Locust Street. The motion was seconded by Ms. Klockowski and approved unanimously.*

Reminders were given about brush pick-up April 27-May 1, and heavy trash drop off scheduled for May 2nd. There was a brief discussion about adding these events to the group calendar. Ms. Klockowski attempted to create an event for Arbor Day and requested to ensure it was posted to the public.

Fiscal Officer/Administrative: The fiscal report was presented. A topic noted was an increase in the Sheriff's office appropriation, with a recommendation to increase it from \$3,000 to \$4,000 to align with approved 26 hours per week. This item, along with the SIB ordinance and the March bank reconciliation, would be discussed later in the meeting.

Administrator/Maintenance:

Mr. Harold Boggs reported on an investigation into a storm drain on Locust Street. They believe the white pipe was installed when the town owned the water and sewer, dating back to 1985, as no construction was found on maps prior to that. Maps between 2016 and 2018 show a section of the road being cleaned up, with asphalt disturbance noted from April 2018 onwards. Mr. Craig Warner confirmed seeing asphalt disturbance on Google Earth from 2018. Harold is still working on the issue but believes the pipe is fixed down to the ditch. They have one issue between the Locust Street drain and the next one down that needs jetting. The GIS team conducted sonar testing last week and will add the data to the system. The crack sealer has been acquired, and work has begun on Taylor and Broadway. Mr. Harold Boggs confirmed they are using the old product and have not ordered the new product as advised.

Mr. Harold Boggs mentioned that the new backboard should arrive this week, and a scheduling day for its installation is anticipated for the following week.

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Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr Ken Taylor reported on April 15th, he met with a North Main Street property owner about an additional permit. On April 16th, he was informed of an Oak Street property complaint and will follow up. On April 17th, Anette was alerted to grass issues on Silver and Maple Streets, and compliance notices were sent. Mr. Taylor emailed Anette requesting action on seven other properties for high grass, and about ten more will receive notices soon if grass is not cut (high grass is a nuisance). A chair remains in the Main Street right-of-way; Mr. Boggs can remove it and bill the property. A chair on Oak Street was removed. Mr Taylor contacted the health department about a Sycamore Street home with poor conditions (e.g., doors not closing); they will investigate and contact owners. Occupancy is uncertain, but people have stayed there periodically..

Committee Reports

Committee meeting minutes are maintained separately by each committee and are available as public records.

Administrative Process:

The committee report for Administrative Process from the April 13 meeting was presented by Mr. Craig Warner

Cybersecurity was discussed. Paul Skaff is working with Lake Erie West on an Actionable item to approve a draft policy for cybersecurity. The Safety Corridor ODOT grant has a June submission date, and it was determined that withdrawing an application if awarded would not be an issue, allowing for submission at a time when funding is clearer. This will be an Actionable item at the May 11 meeting. Washington Street will be submitted for OPWC next time. A discussion was held on adding a surcharge to water bills for all properties with multiple meters to generate income for stormwater. The committee is to select three applicants for grant writer positions to be interviewed at the next meeting.

Action items included approving the draft cybersecurity policy and rescinding the current Parks and Rec document to continue working on it in committee. It was also decided to submit for the Safety Corridor grant in June. *A motion was made by Mr. Warner to approve the submission for the State Safety Corridor ODOT grant by June, seconded by Ms. Klockowski, and approved by unanimous vote.*

The second action item was a motion to rescind the current Parks and Rec document and continue its development in committee. Concerns were raised by Ms.Klockowski about the document's limited advisory power compared to the ordinance granting the Board full power, and its legality due to past actions and lack of required changes. Mrs. Patel questioned the legality without an ordinance/resolution and whether rescinding would halt volunteer recruitment. Mr. Warner highlighted the importance of special events (citing Commercial Point Mayor, Nancy Geiger) and suggested addressing concerns without rescinding. Ms.Klockowski maintained the document was legal and previously approved by counsel. Following debate on board powers and past actions, *Ms. Rupp moved to rescind the document to improve it, clarifying the intent was not to eliminate Parks and Rec. The motion was seconded by Ms.Susor, approved -4; Opposed - 2 Mr. Warner and Ms. Klockowski; The document was moved back to committee.*

Tree Commission: The Tree Commission report was presented by Mayor Easterwood. The committee discussed the date and location for this year's Arbor Day celebration, deciding on Friday, April 24th, at 6 p.m. in the southeast corner of Alumni Park near a recently removed tree. Two donated trees will be planted, with their placement approved. Mr. Wick wants to clarify the tree care ordinance regarding responsibility for maintenance of trees on private property lines and in the right-of-way. The Arbor Day celebration will be at the dead end of Locust Street, near the wooded lot. Two Buckeye trees, donated by Bob Latta and nursed for several years, will be planted. Dean Babcock requested a memorial plaque for the trees. Ms. Klockowski inquired if the seeds came from capital trees. Mayor Easterwood confirmed this and noted Dean Babcock's dedication to nursing the trees. This event is seen as a good starting point for "Tree City USA." A discussion about the tree care ordinance followed, with Mayor Easterwood describing it as a template with little gray area, crucial for the process. Paul Skaff's input is expected at the next meeting to develop a proper document. Contact information for inquiries regarding the tree ordinance was provided.

Upcoming Meetings: Community Development & Public Affairs 4/21 at 5:30PM; Public Safety 4/27 at 6PM; Public Works 4/28 at 6PM; Council Meeting 5/4 6:00PM; Cemetery 5/7 at 6:00PM

New Business

Emergency Reading of ORD 2026-5: Ordinance making supplemental appropriations fiscal year ending December 31st, 2026. This is to set appropriations for SIB to the Taylor/Main Street projects. *A motion to suspend the rules for the emergency reading of Ordinance 2026-5 was made by Ms. Klockowski and seconded by Ms. Susor, Roll call vote - Mr. Warner Y, Mr. Ackerman Y, Ms. Rupp Y, Mrs. Patel Y, Ms. Susor Y, Ms. Klockowski Y. A motion to approve Ordinance 2026-5 was made by Mrs. Patel and seconded by Ms. Klockowski. Approved unanimously.*

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Ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2026:
First Reading. This ordinance includes a \$4000 increase for the Wood County Sheriff's Department.

First Reading; RES for Cybersecurity Policy: a resolution for the cybersecurity policy, adopting a technical and cybersecurity policy for the Village of Weston Ohio.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed a summary of the bills (\$19,568.70) and outstanding invoices (\$11,589.24). *A motion to approve the summary of the bills and payment of outstanding invoices was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Travis Ackerman; Approved unanimously by roll call vote.*

A motion to approve the March bank reconciliation was made by Mrs. Patel and seconded by Ms. Rupp, and approved unanimously. Mr. Warner clarified that the April reconciliation would be handled later.

Miscellaneous Business

Ms. Klockowski discussed cybersecurity as a pressing funding need, mentioning a webinar and a partnership with Falcon Forge for cybersecurity services, including training and testing, at a cost of \$600 per entity. She noted the lack of an IT department and the importance of the ordinance as a first step. Other funding opportunities were mentioned, including the safety corridor grant, with a recommendation to pursue OPWC with Kleinfelder. If that doesn't work out, other grants might be applicable. Ms. Klockowski also discussed a rolling grant where council can ask for review and input on terms and data collection. Ms. Klockowski offered to share notes and move them to the appropriate folder.

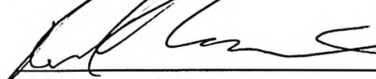
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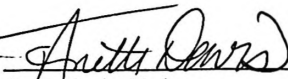
Attendees: Cindy Wichman, Keith Leady, Samantha Wick, Brenna Reynolds, Zach Schmidt, Rob Myerholtz

Cindy Wichman addressed the council, first expressing her support for keeping the Parks and Recreation department. She then explained her reason for attending: a long delay in getting her cemetery stone placed. She had a young daughter who died, and her plot was misplaced. She has since had her daughter's stone placed in alignment with her cousin and wants her youngest daughter's stone to be placed next to her sister. She has spoken with Jodie Domer, who initially stated there wasn't enough room to the right of her youngest daughter's plot. However, Cindy has moved back a couple of feet to the left, and there will be no casket there, only cremated remains. She wants to ensure this is done properly and does not want to wait another six months, as she did for her first stone.

Mr. Rob Myerholtz initiated discussion on the Weston Common digital newsletter, asking Mr. Warner about recreation board composition in towns hosting events, specifically if school board members are included to allow event hosting. Mr. Myerholtz clarified his understanding that events were for residents. Ms. Klockowski points out that this relates to a joint effort in the ORC where they have the power to organize events, comparing it to a weapon. Rob Myerholtz disputed the newsletter's claim that the town has hosted events for decades, asserting the village has never funded Weston or Extravaganza Weston Days. These events were run by the Chamber of Commerce and later a festival committee, funded entirely by contributions from businesses, individuals, and volunteers; no taxpayer money was used. Mr. Myerholtz then detailed donations made including over 150 coats for "Knights Have Your Back" and clothing for schoolchildren, as well as 50-50 raffles during farmer's markets that benefited the church's food pantry, which bought a freezer-refrigerator. Rob Meyerholtz stated this is all documented and the money belongs to the networking group to decide its use. Ms. Klockowski, who had not read the article, stated for the record that she had no questions about the networking group's legality and questioned why this was in the article. Ms. Britney Klockowski agreed that when a board or group is lawyer-approved, it shouldn't be questioned, noting the business council and Parks and Recreation board were also lawyer-approved. Ms. Susor stated she was not aware of this information and does not have questions regarding legality.

A motion to adjourn at 6:55PM was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.


Rick Easterwood, Mayor


Anette Davis, Clerk