

The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of the council members was then taken: Mr. Greg Stevens, Mr. Bill Barnhart, Mrs. Sarah Easterwood, Mr. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier, Mrs. Penny Taylor.

Minutes from the previous meeting on March 5, 2018 were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mrs. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Citizens and Visitors

Visitors present were: Rob Myerholtz, Frank Kohler, Rick Easterwood, Jason Russel, Jennifer Russel, Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector), Cory Kuhlman (Solicitor) and Roger LaPointe (Sentinel-Tribune).

Rob Myerholtz was in attendance to see the progress of Junk Vehicles. Zoning Inspector, Ken Taylor said new letters have gone out to those in violation. Solicitor, Cory Kuhlman said that there is one that continues to pay their fines. Mr. Taylor mentioned the next step would be to tow the vehicles that are still in violation. Mr. Myerholtz was also interested in the progress on chicken permits. Mr. Taylor had shared that only one permit has come in so far. Many responses from chicken owners have said they are not waiting to pay the \$15 fee twice in one year, there has been a half-year prorated for \$7.50 offered. Those chicken owners that get their permits before June will have the chance to be grandfathered into the 6 chicken max on their property, as the ordinance states no more than 6 chickens. Mr. Greg Stevens had recommended taking pictures of the chickens to Mr. Ken Taylor. Mr. Kuhlman advised that pictures be taken from the public right-of-way and not the property itself. Discussion was had on adding language for denying an application for violation, which Mr. Kuhlman will look into the language for this. Mr. Greg Stevens was concerned on if we would need to do a hearing process again for adding that change to the chicken ordinance with our current timeline and having three readings before the June annual permit deadline. Mr. Myerholtz had no other items.

Jason Russel was in attendance on behalf of his tattoo business. Mr. Russel wanted to see if any complaints about his roof decoration or flag have come in. Mr. Shad Kendall had shared that there is no sign stipulations in Commercial District.

Village Business

Mr. Eric Taylor had presented a plan for replacing stop signs and railroad crossing signs for \$1700. The county will be making the signs and providing the hardware. Mr. Shad Kendall made a motion to approve \$1700 in sign replacement, seconded by Mrs. Sarah Easterwood. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

The Shade Structures have been re-quoted to match the Wind/Snow load per Wood County Building Inspector. This increases the cost by \$3670. Stephanie has reached out to the Parks District grant committee to see what our options can be due to the cost including concrete being over the Parks & Rec budget. An option was to see if we could use the grant money to do a roof over the dugouts in the same area. This project is on hold until we hear back from the Parks District.

Committee Business

Mr. Shad Kendall reported for the Zoning meeting on March 6th. Sheds under 160sqft have a 5ft side set-back from the property line, 5ft rear set-back from the property line. Sheds over 160sqft have a 10ft side set-back from the property line, 5ft rear set-back from the property line, and only allowed in the backyard. For corner lots the front would be considered where the front of the house faces the street. Existing sheds are exempt. No storage containers will be allowed as permanent structures in Residential (R1 & R2), but will need a 30 day permit at no cost, after 30 days there will be a \$30 permit fee. No PODs/Storage containers may be no longer than 18ft. Temporary Structures must be behind the front of the house. Permit for temporary structures is only needed if the structure is up for more than 30 days, up to 6 months. Fencing has a \$10 permit, 6ft fence height in the side yard, 8ft fence height in the back yard, and 4ft fence height in the front yard. Corner lots cannot obstruct view. Residential Fences also need to provide a drawing. Industrial and Commercially zoned areas needs to come to Zoning. A Public Hearing was scheduled for April 16th at 6:30PM for the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinances in relation to sheds, temporary structures, PODs/storage containers and Fences.

Upcoming Meetings:

Parks & Rec March 20th at 6PM (no meeting on 3/26)

Personnel March 30th at 5:30PM
Safety April 2nd at 6PM at the Emergency Services Building
Cemetery April 5th at 6PM
Public Hearing April 16th at 6:30PM

Maintenance Report

Mr. Eric Taylor gave a report on town maintenance. Storm Drains have been worked on we were able to get in extra work for the \$2000. The Durapatcher has been topped off and road repairs are being worked on. The new lawnmower should be delivered in about a week. Mr. Taylor shared that the large hole on main street was due to a blockage, and is now fixed.

Financial/Administrative

Council had a chance to object to any local businesses renewing a liquor permit, no objections.

Council reviewed bills to be paid, and warrants to be issued. A motion to approve Fire Payroll was made by Mr. Greg Stevens, seconded by Mr. Bill Barnhart. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mrs. Sarah Easterwood. A motion to approve EMS Payroll was made by Mr. Bill Barnhart, seconded Mrs. Sarah Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Shad Kendall. A motion to approve Cemetery Payroll was made by Mr. Shad Kendall, seconded by Mr. Bill Barnhart. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Greg Stevens. A motion to approve all other bills to be paid and warrants to be issued made by Mrs. Penny Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Sarah Easterwood. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk