

The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2018

Council 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 present council members were then taken: Mr. Greg Stevens, Mr. Bill Barnhart, Mrs. Sarah Easterwood, Mr. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier and Mr. Rob Myerholtz. Minutes from the previous meeting on August 20, 2018 were reviewed and a motion to approve as written was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Kendall. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Citizens and Visitors

Visitors present were: Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector), Janet Horne, Joie Kirkman, Tracey Hazelbaker.

Janet Horne was in attendance to discuss the need for a possible variance on the Haunted House they set up every year. After reviewing the ordinance for temporary and permanent accessory buildings Ms. Horne pointed out that the Haunted House is not storage/parking space as defined in ordinance, and is a temporary structure which takes about 4-6 weeks to put together. They would like to place the Halloween house which is 360sqft in the front yard, and will be about 1ft into the right of way. Ms. Horne feels that putting the setup in the rear yard, as required by the ordinance will make it difficult for those that have wheelchairs and strollers to enter. Mr. Barnhart requested a variance hearing be set for this matter. The zoning board will be contacted for dates.

Ms. Horne also asked council what to do about barking dogs. Weston does not have a dog barking ordinance, and it was shared that if a dog barks for longer than 15 minutes the dog warden should be called.

Committee Business

Mr. Myerholtz reported for the 8/23 Safety and Fire Board meeting. EMS has shared that the cell phones have been deactivated and not sure why. Unit 915 had more repairs. The primary unit is about 12 years old and budgeting for a new one is a few years out. Data has showed no transports are trending higher and a flat fee bill should be discussed. It was shared that Bowling Green charges \$50 and Kathy was instructed to see what other units charge. Fire Board meeting followed Safety. The Fire Chief was not in attendance and Mr. Easterwood reported 121 runs total. MARCS radios will be installed within 2 weeks. Grant has been submitted for water rescue equipment. Three cadets will be sent out for training at \$300/each, it was instructed a Purchase Order will be needed from Cheryl. Ladders, Air Tanks, Hoses have not been tested yet. Council had asked if any of these tests can be done in house. Hose testing can be done in house but prefer hydraulic testing which cannot be done in house and costs about \$3700+, which will need reappropriated. Air tank testing costs about \$1200+ and Hose Testing \$2000+ (about 50 cents per foot). Two units need pump testing at \$110/each.

Mrs. Easterwood reported for the 8/27 Parks & Rec meeting. The "No Smoking" in restricted park areas was passed through council. Some old "No Smoking" signs were found that say people may smoke in designated parking areas. The board agreed unanimously to use those signs until they go bad before spending money on new ones. There is ORC code about dogs being on a leash (ORC 955.22 (C) (1-2). They will be putting signs up at Alumni Park and Ball Field and make note in next newsletter requiring dogs to be on a leash. If the problem of dogs off a leash continue the current ordinance may need updated regarding dogs on leashes. Port a Pots at the Parks for next year were discussed. The rec. Board will be looking into purchasing port a pots and then having them serviced for the season. This should cut some of the cost after the full purchase of the units (4) which ranges \$100-\$150 each and service at \$30-\$40. Board will not be renewing the Arbor Day foundation membership at this time. Halloween details was discussed in length. The costume contest might have trophies for 1st place and a metal for 2nd and a ribbon for 3rd. Cash rewards for the costume contest might be done away with all together but have a raffle at the Happy Hour party or goodie bags for those that stay. They will be finalizing these items at next meeting. All members discussed budget for next year and would like to have something submitted to Finance Committee/Fiscal Officer by October. The items they are discussing at this time are field maintenance equipment, ball field lights, health food license for concession stand, ball commissioner as a paid or volunteer position. Ideas were shared for a community library at one of the parks. More details on this will be looked into. Next meeting is being moved to September 12 at 6pm and if this works out future meetings might be moved to the second wednesday of the month. No meeting on September 24th.

Upcoming Meetings:

Cemetery 9/6 at 6PM
Parks & Rec 9/12 at 6PM

Business Promotion 9/24 at 6PM

Village Business

Council had a lengthy discussion on Zoning which stemmed from a possibility of a new business wanting to go in the Industrial (I2) area across from the ball fields. The Zoning Ordinance does not have much guidelines for businesses wanting to come to the area, such as sign size, setbacks, retention of water, screening, etc. Residential is the only area that has a guideline for signs which is 8sqft. Mr. Ken Taylor recommended putting together a package which could be handed to businesses interested in coming to the area. Mr. Barnhart shared a package could be done but have certain items subject to review. Mr. Kendall shared that we do not want to be too restrictive which could possibly deter interested businesses away. The Industrial section in Zoning does not state anything that Commercial can go into Industrial. Mr. Stevens suggested the better route could possibly be rezoning the area. A business meeting will be scheduled for September 24th at 6PM to discuss zoning packages for businesses as well as other items.

Maintenance Report

A report was shared for maintenance. Mr. Eric Taylor provided a Maintenance Budget for council and finance committee to review. A Village Agreement from the county was provided which needs filled out prior to doing culvert inspections. Streets meeting has been requested in the near future. Mr. Taylor has been in contact with the county and ODOT about the SR235 and Taylor Street intersection. Some of the brush has been cut back to help with visibility. The county is waiting on a response from ODOT for possible remedies, but the county does have a 25' easement from the top of the ditch. The county will be sending a member out soon to assess the easement and identify obstructions, and any trees within the 25' easement may have the possibility of being removed with no say so from the property owner.

Financial/Administrative

Resolution 2018-6 submitting votes for Mark Sheffer to fill a vacant board seat on the Northwestern Water and Sewer District received a second reading.

Resolution 2018-7 adopting the federally approved Wood County Hazard Mitigation Plan received a first reading.

Ordinance 2018-19 authorizing the transfer of funds from General Fund to OPWC Center Street Resurfacing Project Fund received an emergency reading. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Roll Call Vote Yes: Mr. Stevens, Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Easterwood, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Myerholtz. A motion to approve Ordinance 2018-19 was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Ordinance 2018-20 authorizing the special short term assessment on certain parcels for benefits received from mowing received an emergency reading. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Roll Call Vote Yes: Mr. Stevens, Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Easterwood, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Myerholtz. A motion to approve Ordinance 2018-20 was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Ordinance 2018-21 authorizing the special short term assessment on certain parcels for benefits received from garbage, junk and litter removal received an emergency reading. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Roll Call Vote Yes: Mr. Stevens, Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Easterwood, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Myerholtz. A motion to approve Ordinance 2018-21 was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Council reviewed bills to be paid and warrants to be issued and a motion to approve for payment was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Mayor/Important Dates

Monthly light brush pick up will be every second Wednesday through October. Touch-A-Truck even it's Saturday, September 15th from 1-4PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.