

The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 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. Bill Barnhart, Mrs. Sarah Easterwood, Mr. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier and Mr. Rob Myerholtz. A motion to excuse Mr. Greg Stevens was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0. 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. Barnhart. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Citizens and Visitors

Visitors present were: Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector), Andrew Sonderman (Suburban Natural Gas Company)

Mr. Andrew Sonderman, President of Suburban Natural Gas Company was in attendance for the annual Call Before You Dig Presentation and to present an application for Community Development Funds. Mr. Sonderman also shared that a rate increase request has been submitted, it has been about 10 years since the last rate increase. An average residential customer bill would increase \$14.73/month in the proposal.

Village Business

A recent assessment that was submitted to Wood County Auditor bounced back due to wording. Auditor requested that "garbage/junk/litter" be reworded to "Nuisance Condition" in order to assess properties. This will be forwarded to Zoning due to the need to change the definitions in the Weston Code.

Mr. Myerholtz shared a recent situation where a Pit Bull came running out of a business that latched onto a German Shepherd's neck. Weston has a leash law, but only in the parks. There is an Ohio Law in ORC 955.22 which does not permit dogs to run loose and must be under someone's control unless the dog is in heat which then must be on a leash. Mr. Eric Taylor shared that he has addressed individuals at the parks that let dogs run loose, and they continue to let dogs run loose. Mr. Myerholtz shared he will speak to the sheriff about the loose dogs.

Committee Business

Mrs. Easterwood reported for the September 6th Cemetery meeting. Tom has worked on seed start and grass seeding some areas of the cemetery and fences are up by the pond. Cemetery Board had a discussion on a map of cemetery that could be downsized to an 8x10 sheet of paper. There was a personnel discussion. Next meeting will be October 4, 2018 at 6PM.

Mrs. Easterwood reported for the September 12th Parks & Rec meeting. Village maintenance recommended that the parking area on Broadway St and Old Schoolhouse park needs more stone. Christmas Trees will need more lights as well as possibly renting a cherry picker to put lights up. Rec board would like to see if they are able to get involved as a group to help put lights up. Maintenance has bought a rototiller and would like to split the cost because it will be used a lot in the parks. Rec board share is \$224, and 4 of the 5 board members did not wish to pay half of the cost for the rototiller. They feel it should have been discussed and voted on prior to purchase. Stephanie informed the board that the tiller has been used at the parks to take care of weeds and they look great and that the cost should be split. Benches around the parks are in need of repair and cost about \$100/each. The board is looking into other options and the possibility of completely replacing benches. Bench repair will be discussed next meeting. Halloween was discussed in detail. Budget for 2019 was to be discussed and members shared they will bring a list to next meeting. Stephanie would like to get budget submitted to Cheryl sooner rather than later. Few items shared were mower/weed wacker, dragging equipment, concession stand repairs and license, bathrooms, benches, ball commissioner, setting limits for spending on Halloween and Christmas events. Next meeting is October 10, 2018 at 6PM and meetings are going to be scheduled as needed instead of a set schedule at the moment.

Council shared their thoughts on rec board not wanting to split the cost of the rototiller. Mr. Kendall shared that Maintenance should keep track of all the hours worked in the parks. Mayor shared he will talk to the board.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Variance Hearing 9/20 at 6PM
- Zoning Meeting 9/20 at 7PM
- Business Promotion 9/24 at 6PM
- Safety 9/27 at 5:30PM and Fire Board at 6PM

Maintenance Report

Mr. Eric Taylor reported for town maintenance items. Merrill Park Memorial was weeded and used existing bricks and lined the inside of the concrete. Merrill Park and Old Schoolhouse Park has been tilled and is requesting Rec Board split the cost of the tiller. Parking at the Old Schoolhouse park was graded due to overgrown weeds and grass. A chain gate has been installed to close off access to the maintained supply area behind Fire department. First light brush pickup has been completed. Durapatcher has been winterized. Plow truck was in the Touch a Truck event. Mr. Taylor also shared the hours put into mowing. 293 man hours for the year, which 200 has been in the parks and 93 road side. The county will be out in the next two weeks to cut back vegetation at the SR 235 and Taylor Street intersection, the amount that can be done will depend on Funds found. Culvert inspection with photos will cost \$177.21. Council shared no authorization is needed for culvert inspection due to the cost being under \$500.00.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to authorize \$2,000.00 from the State Highway Fund to complete the cut back of vegetation at the SR 235 and Taylor Street intersection from what the county is not able to finish, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

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 Final reading. A motion to approve Resolution 2018-6 was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Kendall. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

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

Resolution 2018-8 to realign permanent appropriations for unemployment compensation received an emergency reading. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Myerholtz, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Kendall, Mrs. Easterwood, Mr. Barnhart. A motion to approve Resolution 2018-8 was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Ordinance 2018-22 to transfer funds from the General Fund to the OPWC Center Street Project Fund received an emergency reading. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Myerholtz, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Kendall, Mrs. Easterwood, Mr. Barnhart. A motion to approve Ordinance 2018-22 was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Council reviewed bills to be paid and warrants to be issued and a motion to approve EMS payroll for payment was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Kendall. A motion to approve Fire payroll for payment was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mrs. Easterwood. A motion to approve all other bills to be paid and warrants to be issued was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk