

The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2019

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, Mrs. Sarah Easterwood, Mr. Shad Kendall, and Ms. Diane Hillier. A motion to excuse Mr. Bill Barnhart and Mr. Rob Myerholtz was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0. A motion to approve Council Meeting and Public Hearing Meeting minutes as read was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Stevens. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0.

Citizens and Visitors

Visitors present were: Bill Michalski, Cody Kimble, Desiree Kimble, Rick Easterwood, Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector)

Cody Kimble was in attendance to inquire about a Firefighter application that was turned in. An application for Caleb Reineck was reviewed and a motion to approve application was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0.

Village Business

Council Rules were provided, council would like to wait until next meeting to have time to review before adopting.

A quote from Display Sales for 16 street banners at \$823 was shared. The idea was to get summer banners this year and purchase Fall and Spring next year. Mr. Kendall inquired about allowing businesses to purchase banners. Clerk shared that Display Sales does offer custom banners to be able to have businesses donate toward street banners. A motion to approve purchasing summer street banners was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0.

Committee Business

Parks & Rec 1/9: In attendance Craig Warner, Mike McClure, Michelle McClure, Stephanie Monts, Angie Coleman, Dean Babcock, and councilmembers Bill Barnhart, Diane Hillier, Sarah Easterwood. In maintenance items one bench at Alumni Park has been repaired. The sign at Merrill Park has been removed for repair and painting. A quote for three John Deere mowers was reviewed. 2002 with 818 hours for \$2,150 known to have unreliable power drops, 2004 with 411 hours for \$1,899 known to have camshaft problems, 1997 with 1,515 hours for \$2,350 no known problems but higher in hours and older. Spring cleanup was briefly discussed and recommend May 4th. Dates have been finalized for baseball sign-ups at Otsego Elementary School on February 9th from 9am-11am, Weston Village Hall on February 24th from 2-4pm and March 9th from 9am-11am. No discounts will be given except the family discount of \$5. No refunds will be issued after rosters are submitted to Southwood. Spiritwear design was discussed and approved. Colors for spiritwear would be white, black, various grey, lime green, and board agreed to also add various pink colors. Second team shirt colors will be Silver. Ball commissioner interviews with the two applicants will be on January 30th starting at 6PM with members of Parks & Rec, council members from committee and Mayor. The first meeting with Southwood is January 13th at 3PM and Stephanie and Mike will be attending. Next Parks & Rec meeting is February 13th at 6PM.

Finance 1/14: Mr. Bill Barnhart arrived at 7:55PM during Finance report. EMS rates ordinance was reviewed and recommended mileage to go up to \$7.75 and ALS2 to go up to \$625. Streets budget for \$35,172 for the catch basin, sidewalk repair and tree trimming was discussed. Purchases for maintenance become difficult during emergencies due to the \$500 spend limit before council approval. Recommendation was moving the minimum from \$500 to \$5000. A motion to approve maintenance emergency purchases up to \$5,000 with Mayor and Shad to sign off on estimates was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mr. Stevens. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0. Recommendation to purchase summer street banners this year was made. NVR camera system for the recycling bin area was discussed, two cameras would cost approximately \$1000. Security cameras are an item covered by PEP Grant. An email from the county regarding the recycling containers was shared and council shared their disappointment in the tone of the email. Mr. Stevens shared the cameras wouldn't just be for illegal dumping they would be extra eyes on the park and ball diamonds. Eric will be getting more quotes for a camera system. Discussion was had on replacing the plow truck which is estimated \$80,000. Options shared were leasing and trading in the 1 ton and "Big Ron" for a multipurpose. There is currently \$40,000 in the highway fund. Concerns with the credit card policy for concession stand purchases during ball season was shared. It is recommended that Stephanie do the purchasing as an employee as the duty of the clerk and not the rec board and using the Colorado on days Cheryl is in the office. The year end expenditures versus revenue is -\$50,000, which was due to the Center Street

project.

There was a long discussion on the Township Fire Contract. Mr. Myerholtz and Mr. Kendall attended the township meeting and the recommendation is to extend the contract for 11 months instead of going month to month. The township would like to put a levy on and would like the village to help fund until the levy passes. Rick Easterwood asked what the advantages and disadvantages of having the township take over the fire department is. Mr. Kendall shared that the Village residents are paying more taxes to fund the fire department than the township people, about 70.5% was shared by Mr. Stevens. The village residents pay both village and township taxes because the village is within the township while the township residents only pay township taxes. The township fire levy would need to be put on by August to get on the November ballot. Mr. Stevens shared the township should take over the books (Cheryl's time) and maintaining the property (Eric's time) because the township does not pay the 50% for those items. Mr. Stevens had asked Mr. Kendall if he could talk to Paul Skaff (Village Solicitor) on if these items could be added to the contract. A motion to extend the contract to July 31, 2019 was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 4, Opposed - 1, Mr. Stevens.

Upcoming Meetings:

Safety at 5:30PM & Fire Board at 6PM on 1/24
Parks & Rec 1/30 at 6PM (for Ball Commissioner interviews)
Cemetery 2/7 at 6PM

Maintenance Report

Mr. Eric Taylor requested moving forward with tree trimming, \$15,485 is budgeted. A motion to approve up to \$8,000 for tree trimming was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Financial/Administrative

Ordinance 2019-1 adopting a credit card policy received a Final reading. A motion to approved Ordinance 2019-1 was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Ordinance 2019-2 to amend 2019 permanent appropriations for payment of salaried legal services 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. A motion to approve Ordinance 2019-2 was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Ordinance 2019-3 amending zoning ordinance regarding permitted residential district uses in commercial district and commercial district uses in industrial districts received a Second reading.

Ordinance 2019-4 to amend the rate schedule for Weston EMS services received an emergency reading. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Kendall. Roll Call vote, Yes: Mr. Stevens, Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Easterwood, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier. A motion to approve Ordinance 2019-4 was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

The newsletter is expected to go out the First week in February.

Council reviewed bills to be paid and warrants to be issued. A motion to approve Cemetery Payroll was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Stevens. A motion to approve EMS Payroll was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Kendall. A motion to approve all other bills to be paid and warrants to be issued was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk