

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 28, 2018**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Weston, Missouri, met in special session at the Weston City Hall, 300 Main Street on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 5:04 p.m. Board members Rebecca Rooney, Mark Seymour, Joyce Priddy and James Lowe were present. In the absence of Mayor Cliff Harvey President of the Board, James Lowe opened the meeting. Also present was City Attorney Jeremy Webb, Claudia Daum, Sue Phillips, and Beth McPherson.

**Closed Session**

Alderman Rooney moved to go to Closed Session pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021(2) to discuss leasing, purchasing or selling of real estate. Alderman Priddy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was Rooney, Aye; Seymour, Aye; Priddy, Aye; and Lowe, Aye. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**Open Session**

Alderman Rooney moved to resume open session. Alderman Seymour seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was Rooney, Aye; Seymour, Aye; Priddy, Aye; and Lowe, Aye. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Mayor Harvey arrived during the closed session and took over chairing the meeting. City Attorney Jeremy Webb excused himself from the remainder of the special meeting.

**Agenda Items**

**Special Event Application- Harvest Dinner- 9-16-18** The request was for closing the 400 block of Main Street for the Future Farmers and Boy Scout Harvest Dinner starting at 4:00 p.m. until approximately 9:30 p.m. Kim Kirby reported emailing all the downtown shops and building owners regarding this event. There were several replies, all in the affirmative.

Claudia Daum, owner of the Buffalo Ranch store at 417 Main St., commented that she was not for closing the street at 4:00 p.m. Both of these organizations are great and she is not against them, but she didn't understand why they couldn't wait until 5:00 p.m. to close the street, or use the downtown park. She has business to conduct and as soon as the street is closed her business dies. It happened last week when the street closed at 3:00 p.m. for the Moonshiners. The Applefest event is different as it generates business, but other street closures run people off. The Board should be positive about what groups are considered to close the street for as her business generates tax dollars, but those groups are not. One hour does make a difference. Mrs. Daum said several times that she felt strongly that these were business hours and the street should be open during the business hours.

Alderman Priddy moved to approve the Harvest Dinner for September 16 and close the 400 block of Main Street at 5:00 p.m. Alderman Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Lowe opposing.

**Business License-Home Occupation-After Nine Design-185 Walnut** Alderman Rooney moved to approve the license. Alderman Lowe seconded, and the motion passed.

**Thomas Street Parking Lot – Design Considerations** The parking lot design that was originally completed by WSK&F in 2010 was used to review and consider what the current Board of Aldermen were wanting to do with the lot. Sue Phillips, member of Planning & Zoning, stated she thought it important as one of the “avenues” in to town to have vegetation, shade and something to absorb the water. Beth McPherson wrote up ideas as well and submitted them to the Board. Ms. Phillips said the “Welcome to Weston” sign that was still sitting around could be put on the corner of the lot.

Alderman Seymour stated he felt Option A of the plans was good as it had the largest number of parking spaces. It would be good to have a place for a permanent pavilion that some of the events scheduled on Main Street could be moved to the parking lot. He proposed at a minimum having 3-7 shade trees and to maximize the space for parking as best as they could. There needs to be lighting and a power supply. Claudia Daum suggested a four-sided clock with plantings around it on the corner.

The discussion turned to a cost estimate of the work. Alderman Lowe said they needed to weigh the cost against what we needed to do in other places around the city. Alderman Seymour suggested Humes Road was a life-safety issue and should come first.


Alderman Rooney moved to request a cost estimate of the parking lot work from Valerie McCaw or Dan Miller with Larkin. Alderman Priddy seconded the motion and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Lowe moved to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Alderman Rooney seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

  
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Minutes prepared by Kim Kirby, City Clerk

Minutes approved September 10, 2018

Attest:

  
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Mayor Clifford Harvey

  
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Kim Kirby, City Clerk