

Village of West Salem
Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 532 Amend Chapter 2 of the Village of West Salem Code of Ordinances to
Prohibit Camping on Village-Owned Property
October 1, 2024

Public Hearing called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees Present: Anderson, Curtis, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Excused: Hennessey. Also present: Lynette Ender, Jake Larcom, Gavin Michaelson of the La Crosse Tribune, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Ordinance no. 532, if adopted, will prohibit camping on all Village-owned properties and set forth a penalty for violation of said Ordinance. There were no residents present to speak for or against the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to close the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer

Village of West Salem
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2024

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson, Curtis, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Excused: Hennessey. Also present: Lynette Ender, Jake Larcom, Gavin Michaelson of the La Crosse Tribune, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024, regular meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$1,090,086.67.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Update on Greene Park

Residents Lynette Ender and Jake Larcom presented Unlimited Play, a 501(c)3 company, that acts as a General Contractor and provider of all-inclusive playgrounds. The company typically charges a \$10,000 initial fee for their services and they are willing to waive this fee. Ms. Ender and Mr. Larcom stressed that ground would not be broken on the project until all monies have been raised. Attorney Klos stressed competitive bidding must be present in the process.

Ordinance No. 532

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve Ordinance No. 532 Amending Chapter 2 to Prohibit Camping on Village-owned Property as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Special Event Application

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the Special Event Application submitted by the West Salem Business Association and West Salem Parks and Recreation Department in order to close South Leonard Street from Elm Street to Hamilton Street for public safety reasons for the Business Association Downtown Trick-or-Treat and the Recreation Department Trunk-or-Treat events scheduled for Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 3:00 pm. To 5:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Leicht reported on the September 20, 2024 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. Tony DeGaetano presented the 2025 Parks and Recreation Department proposed budget. Salaries have increased due to upgrades in program staffing and some of the salary budget that was shown in the Public Works budget for shared staff is now showing in the Parks and Rec budget. Program revenues are up and this trend is expected to continue into 2025. Overall, the budget increased by \$35,880. Loren Schwier presented the 2025 Public Works Department proposed budget. Salaries are showing an increase based on a wage analysis of similar positions locally. Mr. Schwier presented the Committee with a break-down of proposed increases, including street repairs. A request to construct an identical shed to one currently located at the Village Garage will allow for covered containment of the dump truck purchased in early 2024. Capital expenses increased to account for the expenses to complete the City Loop reconstruction. Overall, the requested budget is \$44,117 less than 2024.

Public Works Director Loren Schwier reported that our current Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator has accepted a position with the City of Columbus and his last day will be in three weeks. Mr. Schwier is determining if the back-up operator would be interested in taking on the position or whether or not we will need to advertise the position.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes of September 20, 2024, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Leicht reported on the September 24, 2024 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. Chief Scott Alo presented the 2025 Police Department proposed budget. Union salaries increased 3% per police union contract expiring in 2025, administrative salaries increased by 5.4%. Overtime estimated at 96 hours per officer was also included in the budget. Capital expenditures include replacing two squad cars at a cost of \$107,750. The 2020 Ford Explorer's equipment will transfer over to a new 2025 model and will save roughly \$16,000. The overall budget is \$10,000 less than the 2024 budget, if not including the approved referendum funds of \$500,000. The West Salem Fire Protection District 2025 proposed budget includes a total levy amount of \$115,834.07, or 53.1487% of the total levy provided by the Village of West Salem, Town of Barre, and Town of Hamilton.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes of September 24, 2024, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Twining to convene in closed session at 7:36 p.m. pursuant to Wis. State. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, and transfers of public properties, to-wit: real estate offer-to-purchase and development agreement. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to reconvene in open session at 7:45 p.m.
Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.
Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer