

VILLAGE OF WALDRON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2003  
7:00 p.m.

President Rossi called the council meeting to order with fourteen residents in attendance by asking everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was called by President Rossi: Present are John Burrell, Chris Crist, Pres. Protome Harold Douglas, Roy Hall, William Hall, Charles E Meade. All council is present.

Councilman Meade asked for the floor and spoke to the public & council stating that he had served on the council for a number of years and thanked them for their support.

Stating appendix 9 sec. 10 page 43 of the municipal charter handbook. Councilman Meade then asked President Rossi to bring the motion of last month back to the table to be voted on, which had not been voted on at that time. The motion was as follows.

((Meade moved that the budget be referred to the Budget & Finance Committee for further study, and that the committee submit a budget for council approval at the next meeting. Supported by Douglas.

The motion was not voted on as the President contended that the budget is to be presented to council by the president, quoting Uniform Budget of 1968 141.422b definitions, 141.434- who proposes the budget and 141.435 ))

President Rossi denied the request to bring motion back to the table.

Stating by Meade appendix 5 sec. d. page 29 of the municipal charter handbook.

Councilman Meade moved to appeal the decision of President Rossi denying bringing the motion

back to the table. Supported by Councilman Douglas. Roll call vote: Burress no; Crist no; Douglas yes; R. Hall yes; W. Hall yes; Meade yes; Pres. Rossi no: Motion carried with four yes and three no.

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Roll call Vote: Burress no; Crist no; Douglas yes; R. Hall yes; W. Hall yes; Meade yes; Pres. No:  
Motion carried with four yes an three no.

W. Hall moved to approve of the agenda by adding holidays and removing the minutes as requested by Councilman Douglas. Supported by Meade—Motion carried unanimously

President Rossi brought everyone up to date on the Sanitary and water project.

Also noted that the village is one of the top three villages to be considered for free sewer pipe from the American Pipe institute.

Burress moved to approve a building permit for a garage at 411 Bruce Court and is to comply with all County building permits & Village regulations and is recommended that any buildings be at least ten feet from property lines. This garage is to be positioned on a lot on the south side of existing home. Owners Bob & Linda Malchow. Motion carried unanimously

Meade moved and W. Hall supported to approve the Waldron Telephone Co. to hook into the Storm ketch basin on S. Main as well as hooking into the sanitary system. Motion carried unanimously

Meade moved that the village have the attorney negotiate with consumers on the franchise that was presented to the village for approval. Recommended a five-year franchise instead of a thirty-year,

change the wording from right to duty. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Meade moved to change the March council meeting to the 18<sup>th</sup> instead of the eleventh due to the election being held on the 10<sup>th</sup>, as the final results of the election would not be back from the county in time for the regular meeting date. Supported by Douglas—Motion carried unanimously

Meade moved to pay the usual bills without an approved budget if needed. Supported by Crist. Motion carried unanimously

By consent of council it was determined not to paint the outside of the water tower this year.

Councilman R. Hall reinstated that the roof on the park shelter house is in need of repair, along with sidewalk repairs and more trees need trimmed.

Councilman Crist mentioned that he had information on crack sealing of the streets.

Chief Johnston gave his report and a couple of points that he was looking into a police cruiser for one dollar. And also that he attended schooling at Maryland on various protective issues.

Burress moved to pay Chief Johnston his regular forty-hour pay while attending schooling in Maryland. Supported by W. Hall: Roll call vote—Burress yes; Crist yes; Douglas yes; R. Hall yes; W. Hall yes; Meade yes; Pres. Rossi no: Motion carried with six yes and one no.

Meade moved to revise the 2002-2003 general fund budget by using from the contingency fund and raising funds that were under budgeted. Supported by R. Hall—Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist no;

Douglas yes; R. Hall yes; W. Hall yes; Meade yes; Pres. Rossi no:

Meade moved to revise the police budget by lowering line items that were in excess and raising line items that were understated. Supported by Douglas—Motion carried unanimously

Meade moved to pay the bills out of their respective funds except for ck# 12481, which was for a business listing from Ambus Registry Inc. and has been canceled. Supported by W. Hall. Motion carried unanimously

Snowmobile ordinance is still under further study.

Burress moved to approve of nine paid holidays for Full time village employees. Martin Luther King JR Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday After Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Years Day. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Crist move to accept the consent agenda. Supported by Burress—Motion carried Unanimously

Burress moved to accept the 2003-2004 proposed budget. Supported by Crist—Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist yes; Douglas no; R. Hall no; W. Hall no; Meade no; Pres. Rossi yes: motion failed with four no and three yes:

Meade moved to refer the budget back to the Finance Committee. Supported by Douglas—Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist yes; Douglas yes; R. Hall yes; W. Hall yes; Meade yes; Rossi no: Motion carried with six yes and one no.

Douglas moved to extend the Police agreement thru March of 2003. Supported by Meade:

President Rossi read his opinion/evaluation of Chief Johnston's performance as an officer and would not recommend hiring him. Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist yes; Douglas yes; R. Hall yes; W. Hall yes; Meade yes; Pres. Rossi no: Motion carried with six yes and one no:

Meade moved to extend the council meeting for further business. Supported by Douglas—Motion carried unanimously

Councilman Douglas stated that the minutes were revised after they had been written by inserting the following.

"For the record, President Rossi asked Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Burress if the Chief was reporting all matters of Department, as required by the terms of the employment agreement. Burress stated that the chief has little to no communication with him. Rossi then asked the same of the council, no one stated that there was any reports received. Rossi then stated that there have been very few reports to him and most direct information requests were late. The president then stated that the chief was in substantial non-compliance with his employment agreement. There was no disagreement from any council member."

It was contended by the clerk that it was stated for the record at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and even though it was not in the first writing, that when President Rossi presented it in writing it then was entered as a quote from the President.

Meade moved to purchase a twenty thousand dollar cash deposit certificate not to exceed 270-day term. Douglas Supported—Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist no; Douglas yes; R. Hall yes; W. Hall yes; Meade yes: Pres. Rossi no: Motion carried with five yes and two no:

Burress moved to adjourn the meeting until March 18<sup>th</sup> 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Village Clerk—Richard Andrews

These minutes are subject to council's approval.