

Village of Waldron  
An Equal Opportunity Provider  
Council Minutes  
February 8, 2005

The village of Waldron held the monthly council meeting at the Wright-Waldron Municipal building, with seven visitors from the public attending.

President Harold Douglas called the meeting to order by asking everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was called for: Present were: Roy Hall, Christopher Crist, William Hall, Jeffery Bernath, Michael Birdsell, John Tanner and President Harold Douglas.

Motion moved by William Hall to approve the agenda as presented. Motion supported by Christopher Crist. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved by William Hall to approve the January 11, 2005 minutes as presented except for the following change, supported by Christopher Christ. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to correct:

William Hall moved to **hire Christine Douglas to handle** the duties of the water & sewer billings for \$325.00 per month. The Clerk Richard Andrews is to keep his same hours. Supported by John Tanner. Roll call Vote: Roy Hall yes; Christopher Christ yes; William Hall yes; Jeffery Bernath yes; Michael Birdsell yes; John Tanner yes; President Harold Douglas abstained as to a conflict of interest. Motion carried with six yes and one abstained.

Corrected Motion:

William Hall moved to **transfer to Christine Douglas** the duties of the water & sewer billings for \$325.00 per month. The Clerk Richard Andrews is to keep his same hours. Supported by John Tanner. Roll call Vote: Roy Hall yes; Christopher Christ yes; William Hall Yes; Jeffery Bernath yes; Michael Birdsell yes; John Tanner yes; President Harold Douglas abstained as to a conflict of interest. Motion carried with six yes and one abstained.

Maxine Vanlerburg, Hillsdale County Commissioner led the public comments by giving a brief recap of the happenings around the county. A concern of housing shortages (not apartments) in the outlying areas of Hillsdale was presented to her. She will bring this up for discussion at a committee meeting. She ended her presentation by reiterating to bringing any concerns to her attention for possible solutions.

The ordinance of snow removal by 10 AM on snow days was brought up. The ordinance should have read by 10 AM the following day. The reason for this ordinance is for public safety. The council will respond to any complaints of this ordinance.

The maintenance report prepared by Tom Brown was read. Motion was made by William Hall to approve the maintenance report. Motion supported by Christopher Crist. Motion passed six to one. John Tanner opposed.

William Hall moved a motion to continue paying only essential bills from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March until the budget is approved. Motion supported by Christopher Crist. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was moved by William Hall to approve committee reports as given. Motion supported by Michael Birdsell. Motion carried unanimously.

President Douglas gave a report to council on several items.

Motion moved by John Tanner to adjust a water bill brought to council per their past average. Motion supported by Jeffery Bernath. Roll call vote taken. Roy Hall yes; Christopher Christ no; William Hall no; Jeffery Bernath yes; Michael Birdsell no; John Tanner yes; President Harold Douglas yes. Motion passed 4 yes 3 no.

Motion moved made by Jeffery Bernath to pay the bills & move \$725.24 from contingency to bond & insurance and to move \$160.00 from wages to FICA \$110.00 and Medicare \$50.00. Motion supported by Christopher Crist. Roll call vote taken. Roy Hall yes; Christopher Christ yes; William Hall no; Jeffery Bernath yes; Michael Birdsell yes; John Tanner no; President Harold Douglas yes. Motion passed 5 yes 2 no..

There were seven bids received for the old 1990 dump truck. The highest bid was #4 being \$1700.00. Mike will be notified. Motion to approve the award made by Christopher Crist Motion supported by Michael Birdsell. Motion passed unanimously.

John Tanner moved a motion to adjust the water and sewer rates as follows; water ready to use from \$8.50 to \$10.50, usage from \$2.20 to \$2.50 per 1000 gal, and sewage usage from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per 1000 gallons. Motion supported by William Hall. Roll call vote taken. Roy Hall yes; Christopher Christ yes; William Hall yes; Jeffery Bernath no; Michael Birdsell yes; John Tanner yes; President Harold Douglas yes. Motion passed 6 yes 1 no.

John Tanner moved a motion to set a 2" ready to use fee at \$52.50 for the water, and \$80.00 for sewage. Motion supported by Christopher Crist. . Roy Hall yes; Christopher Christ yes; William Hall yes; Jeffery Bernath yes; Michael Birdsell yes; John Tanner yes; President Harold Douglas yes. Motion passed unanimously.

John Tanner moved a motion to reduce Richard Andrews work hours from 8 to 6 hours a day effective at the end of the fiscal year, loss of all benefits except health insurance until his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Support by Roy Hall.

John Tanner moved to amend the preceding motion to allow R. Andrews to keep 2 weeks vacation. Supported by Roy Hall. Roll call vote; Roy Hall yes, Christopher Crist yes, William Hall yes, Jeffery Bernath yes, Michael Birdsell no, John Tanner yes, and President Douglas yes. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 no.

Amended motion: John Tanner moved a motion to reduce Richard Andrews work hours from 8 to 6 hours a day effective at the end of the fiscal year, loss of all benefits except health insurance until his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and 2 weeks vacation. Supported by Roy Hall: Roll call vote. Roy Hall yes, Christopher Crist no, William Hall yes, Jeffery Bernath no, Michael Birdsell no, John Tanner yes, and President Douglas no. Motion failed 3 yes, 4 no.

Jeffery Bernath moved a motion to extend the lagoon operator contract until August 10, 2005. Motion died for lack of support

Christopher Crist moved a motion to extend the lagoon contract to the end of the consent order, April 10, 2006. Supported by Jeffery Bernath. Roll call vote. Roy Hall no, Christopher Crist yes, William Hall no, Jeffery Bernath yes, Michael Birdsell no, John Tanner no, and President Douglas no. Motion failed 2 yes, 5 no.

Bill Hall moved a motion to extend the contract of the lagoon operator to August 10, 2005. Motioned supported by Jeffery Bernath. Roll call vote. Roy Hall no, Christopher Crist yes, William Hall yes, Jeffery Bernath yes, Michael Birdsell no, John Tanner no, and President Douglas no. Motion failed 3 yes, 4 no.

President Douglas is to find a lagoon operator. There will be a special meeting before hiring.

Mike Birdsell moved a motion to extend meeting time. Motion supported by William Hall. Motion was passed unanimously.

Mike Birdsell moved a motion to accept a contract with the sheriff's department beginning March 1,2005. Motion supported by Christopher Crist. Roll call vote. Roy Hall yes, Christopher Crist yes, William Hall yes, Jeffery Bernath yes, Michael Birdsell yes, John Tanner yes, and President Douglas yes. Motion passed unanimously.

John Tanner moved a motion to have the police car appraised at village expense and the value brought back to council next month. Motion supported by Mike Birdsell. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Hall moved a motion to adopt the Computer Internet Policy. Supported by Mike Birdsell. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved by William Hall to adjourn meeting. Supported by Christopher Crist. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Hotchkiss  
Meeting Recorder  
These minutes are subject to approval by council

