

Village of Waldron
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Wright-Waldron Municipal Building
Council Meeting Minutes February 9, 2010
7:00 PM

President Shirley Ames called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call taken: Present – Harold Douglas, Jeffery Bernath, Richard Buck, Terry Esterline, Angelica Barnes, Sarah Black. Absent – None.

Harold Douglas asked to have the budget added to the agenda under old business. Richard Buck asked to have water meters added to the agenda under other business. President Shirley Ames added a bill from Caldwell be added to the agenda under payment of water project bills.

Richard Buck made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions. Motion supported by Sarah Black. Ayes – 7. Nays – 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Changes were made to the minutes of the motion made by Harold Douglas at the Special Council Meeting of January 26, 2010 with the changes. Motion supported by Richard Buck. Ayes – 7. Nays – 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Bernath from the Waldron Telephone Co. spoke on the upcoming franchise for a new video system and Key System. He also spoke about possible additions available to the phone line in the office.

There were no public comments.

There were no Committee Reports.

President Shirley Ames reported to Council that she had spoke to JJ Hodshire at the Sheriff's Office about the police protection within the Village. Terry Esterline asked President Ames if she could get what type of calls the Sheriff's Department had been receiving from the Village.

Mel Schaedler addressed the Council about a large tree in the way of the sewer at the Debbie Blood residence. The sewer is slow running and he discussed the 33 feet footage of the property line and the village line. Richard Buck asked for Mel to get the portion of the cost to the village and the resident. This will be tabled at this time until the next Council meeting..

Richard Buck made a motion to pay the bills. Harold Douglas supported the motion. Ayes – 7. Nays – 0. Motion carried unanimously.

President Shirley Ames presented to Council the water project bills. Ed Birkmeier bill of \$45,986.98 for Contractors Application No. 1 Iron Removal Plant and Caldwell bill of \$2,850.00 for Contractors Application No. 1 for 100,000 Gallon Water Tower.

Harold Douglas made a motion to pay the water project bills. Richard Buck supported the motion. Roll call vote taken. Ayes – 7. Nays – 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Harold Douglas made a motion to hire Mike Ames as the maintenance operator. Angelica Barnes supported the motion. Roll call vote taken: Ayes – Harold Douglas, Angelica Barnes, Sarah Black. Nays – Jeffery Bernath, Richard Buck, Terry Esterline. Abstain – Shirley Ames. Motion failed. Terry Esterline asked about the direct line of supervision. Discussion held that President Shirley Ames should abstain from voting. It was also decided that Harold Douglas would be the Maintenance Supervisor and a new motion was made by Harold Douglas to hire Mike Ames as maintenance operator. Motion supported by Richard Buck. Roll call vote taken. Ayes – Harold Douglas, Richard Buck, Terry Esterline, Angelica Barnes, Sarah Black. Nays – Jeffery Bernath. Abstain – Shirley Ames. Motion carried.

Richard Buck made a motion to hire Mike Tinney as maintenance assistant with a 60-day probation period. Jeffery Bernath supported the motion. Roll call vote taken. Ayes – Harold Douglas, Jeffery Bernath, Richard Buck, Terry Esterline, Angelica Barnes, Shirley Ames. Nays – Sarah Black. Motion carried.

Harold Douglas spoke on the budget and placing an ad in the Bi-County Herald of the Budget Hearing on February 23, at 7:00 PM.

Harold Douglas spoke on having a new ordinance to appoint a Village Clerk instead of the position being an elected office. This would be put into place at the next election.

Chris Douglas spoke that the water and sewer bills were not being collected by the Clerk now and that President Shirley Ames would be taking water bill payments. She also discussed having a place specified in the office where residents could drop off their payments at the counter.

Chris Douglas spoke on the water meters that the computer is needing updated. Some meters are not reading and have to be hand read. She had gotten an estimate of \$130 - \$135 per new meterhead. A whole program from Greentree would cost \$8,700.00 without meters. We have 257 customers and a new system would be approximately \$19,500.00.

Richard Buck made a motion to buy 10 meterheads from Underground Pipe at a cost of \$1,400.00. Harold Douglas supported the motion. Roll call vote taken. Ayes – 7. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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Richard Buck made a motion to adjourn. Sarah Black supported the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. until next Council Meeting of March 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Kathryn R. Crist
Village Clerk

Minutes subject to Council approval

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