

Village of Waldron
Council Meeting
March 16, 2004

The Village of Waldron held their monthly council meeting with thirty two residents present and ten from the Government Class.

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Rossi by asking everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of council was called for: Christopher Crist, Jefferson Davis, Harold Douglas, Roy Hall, William Hall, President Terry Rossi. One empty seat.

Wm Hall moved to approve the agenda as amended by inserting Ordinance of council pay, Hiring an attorney, and moving school water bill, drain tile proposition by Myrl Meller, and swearing in of the newly elected officials in the old business. Supported by C Crist. Motion carried unanimously.

President Rossi read a report on the "Construction Progress and options re Parish Excavating" as of March 15, 2004.

Myrl Meller requested that the village provide materials for placing a storm drain across his property at 313 S Main in which would benefit the village as well and he would supply the installing of such.

C Crist moved to supply the material that the village has on hand and that it would be Mr. Meller's responsibility to acquire permits necessary for the project. Supported by Wm Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

H Douglas moved to approve Myrl Meller's bid on repairing the chimney at the water pump house for the cost of \$248.00. Insurance covered and will haul material away as per bid. Supported by C Crist. Motion carried unanimously

C Crist moved to accept the Election results of March 8, 2004. Supported by Wm Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

H Douglas moved to balance the fiscal year budget of 2003-2004 by moving \$276.24 from Fire Association to make the balance. Supported by C Crist. Motion carried unanimously

H Douglas moved to accept the Treasurer and Clerks report. Supported by C Crist. Motion carried unanimously

C Crist moved to approve of the sanitary sewer construction bills as presented. Supported by H Douglas—Motion carried unanimously

H Douglas moved to pay the bills out of their respective funds. Supported by C Crist—
Motion carried unanimously

C Crist moved to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2004 meeting as presented.
Supported by H Douglas—Motion carried with Wm Hall opposing.

C Crist moved to accept the Police budget for the fiscal year of 2004-2005 and that no monies are to be transferred into this budget until needed. Supported by H Douglas—Roll Call vote: C Crist yes; J Davis yes; H Douglas yes; Roy Hall yes; Wm Hall yes; Pres. Rossi yes: Motion carried unanimously

H Douglas moved to accept all budgets as a line item budget and that the program budget headings be used as reference only. Supported by C Crist. Roll Call vote: C Crist yes; J Davis yes; H Douglas yes; Roy Hall yes; Wm Hall yes; Pres. Rossi yes: Motion carried unanimously

H Douglas moved to retain Attorney Meg Coughlin of Dickerson & Wright to represent the village and negotiate the sanitary fines that may be imposed upon the village. Roll call vote: C Crist yes; J Davis yes; H Douglas yes; Roy Hall yes; Wm Hall yes; Pres. Rossi no: Motion carried with five yes and one no:

Superintendent Scott Merfeld addressed the council in regards to the amount of the water & sanitary bills being imposed upon the Waldron area Schools and asked that the Council sit down with him and discuss the situation. The Council agreed that this would be possible. No time or place was discussed at this time.

President Rossi read his parting comments to the council, as he will no longer be holding the office of President of the village as per vote of the people.

President Rossi's comments:

I have provided a full accounting of the Sewer project to the President elect and the Council, including the projected balance of funds. The scope of the remaining 5% of the work was also outlined along with which entity is responsible for each item, and where the money comes from.

I have provided a schedule {time line} for the Water project that includes deadlines and responsibilities.

On February 20, 2004 I warned the Water & Sewer Committee {through its Chairman} and Mr. Buck, that the DEQ *STRONGLY RECOMMENDED* that our current lagoon operator attend the March Operator Training course in order to be currently trained *BEFORE* the spring discharge; even though the DEQ had given a later deadline of the May class. This show of "Good faith" in light of the upcoming fines may have helped reduce the punitive amount requested.

The DEQ's recommendation and my advice were summarily ignored by all concerned.

As of Friday, March 12, 2004, the worst case amount that is being asked for by the DEQ is now \$105,055. This may be reduced after their analysis of the past 5 years audits and the proposed next 5 years budgets of our Sewer department, which they are in receipt of.

Terry L. Rossi, Village President

President Rossi adjourned the meeting for the swearing in of the newly elected councilors.

The results of the said election was asked for at this time.

President:

Harold Douglas – Republican – 91 Votes - X

Clerk:

Richard Andrews – Independent – 89 Votes - X

Treasurer:

Chris K. Douglas – Independent - 79 Votes - X

Trustee two year term three seats elected:

Roy Hall – Republican – 80 Votes - X

Jeffery D. Bernath – Independent - 67 Votes - X

Christopher Crist – Independent – 62 Votes - X

John A. Tanner – Democrat – 53 Votes

Joe Garrow – Independent – 12 Votes

Trustee one year term one seat elected:

Michael G. Birdsell – Independent – 54 Votes - X

Louise A. Warren – Independent – 44 Votes

Poll Book Total 115 Persons Voted

The Clerk presented the oath of office to the newly elected councilors and presented them with a certificate of office held.

Roll call of new council was called for: Jeffery Bernath, Mike Birdsell, Christopher Crist, Roy Hall, William Hall, President Harold Douglas. One empty seat.

President Harold Douglas presented a letter of resignation to resign as Trustee and accept the position as President of the Village of Waldron.

C Crist moved to accept the resignation from H Douglas and declare a seat on the council open. Supported by R Hall—Motion carried unanimously

President Douglas asked the council for nominations to the open seat on the council, in which would be until the next general election, hearing none, President asked for letters of intent to sit on the council to be turned into the clerk by the next meeting. (April 13, 2004).

C Crist moved to approve the minutes of the February 10th 2004 minutes as presented. Supported by Wm Hall. Motion carried unanimously

Wm Hall moved that the Reading Police Department could use the radar unit during repair of their unit. Supported by C Crist—Motion carried unanimously

C Crist moved that the Clerk & Treasurer sign all checks in and for the Village of Waldron. The President would sign in the absence of either the clerk or treasurer. Supported by B Hall—Motion carried unanimously

Motion moved by Wm Hall to adjourn the meeting until April 13th 2004. Supported by M Birdsell. Motion carried unanimously

Village Clerk—Richard Andrews

These minutes are subject to council approval.