

Town of Winifred, Incorporated
Minutes
May 13, 2025
Town Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. at Community Center

The meeting of the Winifred Town Council was called to order by Mayor Shirley Dyer, May 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was called., Mayor Shirley Dyer, Council Person Rick Baker, Council Person Kristin Carlstrom, Council Person Cody Isom, Town Clerk Cheri Kjersem, Treasurer Krista Ness. Guest present was Kurt Thomson.

Agenda was motioned for approval by Kristin Carlstrom, Rick Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes from the council meeting on April 10, 2025 were presented.

Kristin Carlstrom motioned for approval; Cody Isom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The monthly bills were presented. Rick Baker made a motion to accept the bills; Kristen Carlstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bills approved were claim number 2733/Aqua Tech, 2734/Fergus Electric, 2735/Republic Services, 2736/Energy Labs, 2737/Town of Winifred, 2738/Triangle, 2739/Northwest Energy, 2740/Magda Nelson, 2741/ Ehlert Bros, 2742/Visa, 2743/Pete Boettcher, 2744/Platinum Plumbing, 2745/Montana Rural Water, 2746/DEQ, Rick Operating renewal, 2747/Black Mountain, 2748/Goettlich Excavation, 2749/Quill, 2750/Town & Country Electric, 2752/Terry Selph

The Bank Reconciliation for March and April were presented. Kristin Carlstrom made a motion to accept both bank reconciliations, Cody Isom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial reports for the Pool, Library, Museum, Airport, and Cemetery were reviewed. Kristin Carlstrom motioned to approve the reports; Rick Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Investments: STIP made \$8.08 interest in March and \$7.85 interest in April for a balance of \$2,1188.44. Ameriprise made \$1,707.07 interest in March and \$1,712.68 interest in April for a balance of \$542,316.07.

Correspondence was read.

Citizen Comment Opportunity: None

Unfinished Business:

Sewer: Stahly Engineering was here at 3:00 PM today for the pre bid for the new sewer. Kurt was happy with the turn out.

The bid opening will be May 20 @1:00PM. The award will be June 10th.

Streets: Stahly Engineering and Century Construction put on an open house from 5::00 to 7:00 for people to attend and look at maps of the new street paving and sidewalks. It was an opportunity for landowners to ask question that applied to their property and the paving process.

Kurt Thomson said it was a good turn out, he thought people got questions answered.

Technology Updates: Chris Cooler and Candy Zion met with Mayor Dyer to discuss a website they were working on. Mayor Dyer said it was more of a tourism type of site. The mayor discussed the town was looking for a municipality type site to post happenings within the town itself, posting Agenda's etc. Chris Cooler and Dan Tungsveick will submit bids for that type of site. This will be revisited at the next meeting.

Fire Hall: Rick will get a quote on the new siding for the next meeting. Rick also said the old fire bell needs to be removed because the wood holding it up is rotten, and it could fall off. Rick said he would get it down somehow.

Employee evaluations: Mayor Dyer presented figures on 3 and 5% wage increases per year. There was some discussion on what would be the best option. It was decided to wait on this decision until the new FY and budget is being worked on. The treasurer will have a better idea of raises when the budget is being defined. There was also some discussion on mayor and council pay being re-evaluated.

New Business:

Pool: It is nearing time to start getting the pool ready to open. Mayor Dyer said she would send Jeremy Carr a letter and try to get some clarification on getting the work complete.

Kristin Carlstrom said she could still collect the money from the lifeguards and turn it into the office like she has always done.

There are some new lifeguards that will attend classes.

Fire Relief Fund CD: The fire relief fund CD will mature on 05/21/25. It was discussed when the CD matures, the clerk has permission to renew at the best rate available.

Miscellaneous: Cody Isom said while he was out spraying on Joe DeMars land, there is a leak in the coulee south of the last vent where the meter pit is. We will contact Griffith Contracting to do a repair.

Bulk water: The bulk waterline has a break. That is an old line which is in a swampy location on Nick Econom's land. It is probably better to try and replace the old line completely, we will need to get written permission from Nick, there is easement paperwork too, but the fix could be a lot of digging. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Vacant Council Position Ward 1: The mayor received a letter of interest from Zach Sharp for the position. The council read the letter, Kristin Carlstrom made a motion to appoint Zach Sharp to the open position for Ward 1, Cody Isom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old hydrants: The mayor said Lonnie Arthur asked about taking the old hydrants for scrap. After discussion, it was decided the hydrants are obsolete property, and would have to go out to bid instead. At the next meeting the council will decide if there is any other property to go out to bid, then get it posted.

Curb stop on Spang's: There is an ongoing conversation with Nichole Spang concerning the curb stop to her property. The old curb stop has not been located yet. They are building a new shop on their property which they will need water/sewer. The mayor told Nichole it would be a \$500 fee for the new hookup and then a second service to their property. There still needs to be some clarification on the old curb stop.

There being no further business. Cody Isom moved to adjourn the meeting; Kristin Carlstrom seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Shirley Dyer_____

Clerk Cheri Kjersem_____