

Town of Winifred, Incorporated
Minutes
August 12, 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, August 12, 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 was absent, Council Person Zach Sharp was absent, Town Clerk Cheri Kjersem, Treasurer Krista Ness. Guest present were Kurt Thomson, Candi Zion, Lonnie Arthur, Travis Willson, Amber Econom

Agenda was motioned for approval with the amended date for last months council minutes to July 8th by Kristin Carlstrom, Rick Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes from the council meeting on July 8, 2025, were presented. Rick Baker made a motion to accept the minutes with amended notes on Resolution 9-2025 changing the signers on the STIP account, Kristin Carlstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Bills approved were claim number 2811/Aqua Tech, 2812/Black Mountain Software,2813/Central Montana Insurance 2814/Fergus Electric, 2815/Republic Services, 2816/Town of Winifred, 2817/Triangle, 2819/Northwest Energy,2820/Energy Labs, 22822/Thompson Pools, 2823/Ehlert Bros, 2824/Liberty PCS, 2825/Central Montana Propane,2826/Town & Country Electric, 2827/eSTOP Licensing, 2828/VISA, 2829/Winifred Grocery, 2830/Shirley Dyer, 2831/Brenda Baker, 2832/ULINE, 2833/Quill, 2834/Stahly Engineering, 2835/CHS, 2836/Fergus Electric

The Bank Reconciliation for June was presented. Kristin Carlstrom motioned to approve the bank rec, Rick Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Investments: STIP made \$7.86 in June for a balance of \$2,204.39. Ameriprise made \$1,723.95 for a balance of \$545,758.31.

Correspondence was read.

Citizen Comment Opportunity: Amber Econom had questions about the archive minutes for the Town of Winifred. The council told her all minutes are in the office and open to the public. She also had questions on how long the integrity of the liners in the sewer will be measured. Kurt Thomson addressed her questions and discussed how to look up DEQ design standards, and find spray irrigation requirements. The council also addressed her questions.

Unfinished Business:

Sewer: Kurt was here to update the new sewer progress. Western Municipal Construction is in town with several crews moving a lot of dirt. Everything is moving right along, they plan starting the liner towards the end of the month. Kurt brought the first pay application for Western Municipal; he approved all the expenses and recommend approval and payment. Kristin Carlstrom made a motion to accept the pay application; Rick Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Streets: Century Construction is moving right along on the street paving project. They are also working on curbs on Campbell, and probably moving to the north side within a couple weeks.

The mayor said Steve Ehlert had approached her with a concern about the streets being too narrow. There was discussion with the council and Kurt as to this concern. The discussion ended with the conclusion the streets are standard width and the council does not share his concern.

The mayor also discussed a land purchase that came up when Century was working on the storm drain system in the park. The town purchased two lots in the park from Harley Skinner. The one lot was necessary for the street project; the other lot is part of the park. The council approved the purchase in the bill pay at the beginning of the meeting.

There was some discussion with Kurt about Century fencing around the settling pond in the park. Kurt said he would visit with Century about it.

Stockyards: The tractor that Norm purchased for the town and stockyards will not really work for what is necessary at the stockyards.

The tractor discussion between the town and stockyards is; can we trade in our other town tractor and purchase another tractor for a share use between us.

Candi Zion was here representing the stockyards, she said they would have use for the tractor once a week to twice a month. After discussion with Candy and the council, it was decided Mayor Dyer would attend the next stockyard meeting and visit more about this. We will need to do some research on types of attachments the tractor could offer for work in the town.

Pool: Norman Asbjornson told the mayor he is willing to build a new pool for the town. He wants everything new, pump house, dressing rooms etc.

Shirley said she is going to put a committee of town people together and work with Thompson Pools to get a design plan together that would work best for the town. Something the town can maintain and find plenty of lifeguards to run effectively. After the committee is finished with the plan, they can submit it to Norm.

Bulk Water: We will table bulk now. Still looking for options to solve this problem.

New Business:

Baseball fields: Brandon Ewen wants to change backstops and change some things on the little league field. He said he is looking into funding. He will keep the council up to date.

Street Light: Fergus Electric reached out and said they might be needing to move one of the street lights to a new location. They wanted to know if the town had some suggestions about where we might want the light relocated. The mayor and council will take notice of locations that might need a light.

Miscellaneous: The mayor and council discussed posting some job openings for water/sewer operator, including maintenance and pool upkeep as well. A part-time temporary office assistant.

Rick said the town vehicle needs CV joints replaced. He will get scheduled with Double D Repair to get the work done.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Shirley Dyer_____

Clerk Cheri Kjersem_____