

Town of Winifred, Incorporated
Minutes
November 4, 2025
Town Council Meeting
6:00 p.m. at Community Center

The meeting of the Winifred Town Council was called to order by Mayor Shirley Dyer, November 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was called., Mayor Shirley Dyer, Council Person Rick Baker, Council Person Kristin Carlstrom, Council Person Cody Isom, Council Person Zach Sharp, Town Clerk Cheri Kjersem., Town Clerk Assistant Gloria Isom. Guest present were Kurt Thomson, Clint Smith with Stahly, Lonny Arthur.

Agenda was motioned for approval, amended as follows, council meeting minutes date was changed to October 14,2025, and Obsolete property was added to new business. Kristin Carlstrom motioned to approve with amendments, Cody Isom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes from the council meeting on October 14, 2025 were presented for approval. Zach Sharp motioned to approve the minutes, Cody Isom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The monthly bills were presented. Zach Sharp made a motion to accept the bills including the utility bills that are still to be received due to the meeting being on the first Tuesday of the month Cody Isom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bills approved were claim number 2877/Aqua Tech,2878/Fergus Electric,2879/Republic Services, 2880/Town of Winifred, 2882/Northwestern Energy, 2883/Energy Labs, 2884/Uline, 2885/Quill, 2886/Dept of Environmental Quality, 2887/Stahly Engineering, 2889/Griffith Contracting, 2890/VISA, 2891/Ehlert Bros, 2892/Ehlert Repair,2893/CHS,2894/Liberty PCS.

The Bank Reconciliation was not complete yet this month.

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

Investments: Not received yet this month.

Correspondence was read.

Unfinished Business:

Sewer: Kurt was here to update the council on the new sewer. Things have slowed down some due to trying to find good dirt on Joe DeMars.

Force main on first if finished. Still waiting on the directional drill. Having some manpower issues, but they are still moving along ok.

They plan on working as long as the weather allows.

Norman Asbjornson is getting the sewer funding in place with the Central Montana Foundation. We have used the ARPA funding, and Norm has offered to fund the completion.

Streets: Kurt said Century is continuing to pour concrete and button things up for winter. Stahly is addressing any concerns directly with Century. Century is working on a permit to tie first into the highway.

Clint met with Keith Carlstrom about moving his fence and not letting water back up into his basement. Keith is ok with the new plan. Clint is meeting with Kim DeMars tomorrow.

Brandon Ewen is continuing discussions on the truck bypass. He is visiting with Nick Econom about storm drain and property boundaries.

Lonnie Arthur said they will not be removing snow on main street because the state left crack seal and chipped sealed over it. He does not want any problems with the state if the loader catches the crack seal and pulls it up.

Lonnie suggested clearing snow with a small loader, blower, and dump truck would be the best option.

Water line repairs/bulk water: Griffith fixed the leak on Joe DeMars. Griffith fixed the bulk water.

Post Office Floor: Rich Bowen will look at the floor and give us a bid.

New Business:

Owner Rep position: Kristin Carlstrom suggested creating a position for the duration of the street and sewer projects to pay for the hours required of the mayor spent in meetings, on phone and email communication. After discussion with the board, Kristin Carlstrom made a motion to pay a project stipend to Shirley Dyer in the amount of \$300.00 a month from January 2025 to the completion of the street and sewer project. Zach Sharp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Obsolete Property: Norm put a bid in on the 16x28x12 pole barn structure at the airport for \$50,000.00 to be paid to the airport fund.

Cody Isom made a motion to accept the bid; Kristin Carlstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous: None

There being no further business, Cody Isom motioned to adjourn. Kristin Carlstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Shirley Dyer_____

Clerk Cheri Kjersem_____