

REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD February 12th, 2025

THOSE PRESENT– David Harris –Mayor

Leo Tarplee, Brad Olson, Tom Tiarks, and Levi Johnson - Council

Joshua Schreiner – Director of Public Works

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Luann Knutson, Charsi Shearer, Leonard Eickhoff, Bill Cassell – Guest

- I. Call Meeting to Order:** Dave called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – Move MT Main St Project to after public comment.
- II. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes:
 - Leo made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 8th, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Leo made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from January 22nd, Levi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Claims:
 - Brad made a motion to approve the February claims, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comment** – no public comment.
 - a. Welcome Visitors – Opportunity to allow public comment on any public matter not otherwise on the agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency.
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- IV. Communications**
- V. Reports**
 - a. Pool – nothing to report.
 - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee – nothing to report.
 - c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors –nothing to report.
 - d. Sheriff Department
 - Council packets will now include the monthly crime report received by the County.
 - e. Fire Department
 - Dave appointed Ray Rowton as the new Fire Chief; Ray performed the Oath of Office and was sworn in.
 - f. Public Works – Joshua Schreiner
 - Limb pile will be burned soon with the assistance of Joel Odermann
 - The drive shaft on the plow truck broke; it has been dropped off at Fabian's for repair and should be done next week. Some welding repairs will also need to be done.
 - The new lift station pump has been installed and working well.
 - Discussion is had on hiring divers to clean the water tank, Liquid Engineering who the Town used prior went out of business. Two estimates were presented; Midco: \$4,136.00 (includes inspection video) & Independent Inspection Service: \$2,650.00 + \$350 per hour for epoxy work and leak detection.

- Levi made a motion to hire Midco Diving & Marine Services as the estimate presents, Tom seconded, discussion is had and the motion passes unanimously.
- g. Clerk – Savannah Moore
 - The council received the revenue to actual budget report, expenditure to actual budget report, and cash reports in their packets, as well as bank statements for 1st Bank & STIP for previous month.
 - Adjusted Nancy Freiburg's water bill to \$80.00, appears to have a bad meter.
 - Discussion is had on reviewing the ordinance book, the council agrees to begin with the animal chapter and work through the most used ordinances first.
 - The ending checking account balance for January was \$122,131.38.
- h. Council:
 - Leo: Nothing to report.
 - Brad: Nothing to report.
 - Levi: Nothing to report.
 - Tom: Nothing to report.
- i. Mayor – Dave Harris – Nothing to report..

VI. Old Business

- a. Chlorinator Shed Project – No new updates.
- b. Old City Hall Renovation and Repair – No new updates.
- c. MT Main St Program
 - The Community Enhancement Committee is interested in joining the MT Main Street program. Charsi with Aces explains that this would be something all committees and groups throughout the Town would be able to utilize – This program has grant money available for various beautification and community enhancement projects. The Town would have to be the group sponsor and all money would come to the Town and then be disbursed to groups and committees that had applied.
 - Charsi is going to set up a meeting between the Town Council and all other groups that can attend to get more information and begin the process of joining if the Town agrees.
 - Luann has been in discussion with the Mayor of Roundup and this program has really benefited their community. It will also be a huge help financially with the summer beautification around the Town that the Lion's Club does every year.
- d. Park Improvement Project – No new updates.

VII. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
 - Discussion is had on propane tank size for the generator and UV building heater – council still agrees they want to go through Clay at Winnett Transportation Services.
 - Tom made a motion to purchase a 500 gallon propane tank, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Stahly Engineering

- Bill Cassell discussed the benefits and opportunity to utilize a long term contract with Stahly Engineering – no charges unless work is done. Some benefits include: not having to bid engineering, faster work, resources at your disposal.

c. Back – Up Operator (water and wastewater)

- Bill is willing and able to take over this position once Ralph's certification expires, assuming he passes his test in March. No action will be taken until he is certified.

d. Bond Resolution (wastewater project)

- Discussion is had on the bond resolution – this is an amendment to the original sewer resolution that was passed in 1994 with the current changes and required for the loan.
- Levi made a motion to pass resolution 2025-01, Leo seconded and vote passed unanimously.

e. Ordinance 10.02.070 Miscellaneous Driving Rules

- Discussion is had on driving on sidewalks, specifically what size vehicle, if any, should be allowed to drive on the sidewalks.
- Brad made a motion to amend ordinance 10.02.070 and add "except for snow removal, repair, and maintenance to line g (no driving allowed on sidewalks), Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

f. Ordinance 9.10.010 Removal of Snow and/or Ice

- No action is taken on this ordinance.

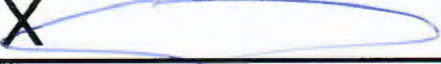
VIII. Items for Next Agenda

IX. Adjourn Meeting 7:30 PM.

- a. Tom made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM, Brad seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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David Harris
Mayor

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Savannah Moore
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Claims Paid:

#2943	Rural Development	\$845.00	#2953	John Deere Financial	\$919.64
#2944	Mid Rivers	\$271.73	#2954	Fergus Electric	\$1,363.62
#2945	Hawkins	\$470.94	#2955	Morrison Maierle	\$17,348.40
#2946	Northwest Pipe	\$29.52	#2956	Snowy Mountain	\$497.42
#2947	Fisher's Technology	\$393.68	#2957	Cody Martinez	\$100.00
#2948	DOR	\$1,567.10	#2958	Barb Solf	\$200.00
#2949	COP Construction	\$155,143.14	#2959	Stahly Associates	\$755.25
#2950	Utilities Underground Location	\$3.50			
#2951	FNBO	\$874.75			
#2952	BREAKS	\$61.72			