

VILLAGE OF WILCOX
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The Village of Wilcox Board of Trustees held the budget hearing on the 14th day of September, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Minden Courier newspaper on September 8, 2021 and posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Wilcox Post Office and G. Thompson Agency on September 9, 2021. Members of the Village Board were notified by mail, postmarked September 9, 2021.

Chairman Gardels called the budget hearing to order at 7:00 pm and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Fecht and Woollen. Others in attendance were J. Simon.

Three copies of the proposed budget statement were made available to the public. Gardels outlined key provisions of the proposed budget statement with comparison with last year's budget. The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. All members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so.

Motion by Nash with second by Woollen to close the budget hearing.

Vote: Ayes – Nash, Woollen, Fecht, Norman, Gardels. Nays – None. Motion passed. The budget hearing was closed at 7:05 pm

There being no further business, a motion was made by Fecht with second by Norman to adjourn the budget hearing.

Vote: Ayes – Fecht, Norman, Woollen, Nash, Gardels. Nays – None. Motion passed, budget hearing adjourned.

The final tax request hearing was opened. The floor was opened for any public comment or discussion.

Motion by Woollen with second by Nash to close the final tax request hearing.

Vote: Ayes – Woollen, Nash, Norman, Fecht, Gardels. Nays – None. Motion carried. Final tax request hearing closed at 7:07 pm.

There being no further business, motion was made by Norman with second by Woollen to adjourn the final tax request hearing.

Vote: Ayes – Norman, Woollen, Fecht, Nash, Gardels. Nays – None. Motion carried. Final tax request hearing adjourned.

Immediately following the final tax request hearing the Board of Trustees moved to the regular meeting and order of business.

Chm. Gardels called the regular Village Board of Trustees meeting to order and noted the Open Meeting Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Fecht, Woollen. Others in attendance: R. Carey, J. Simon, M. Harms, D. Walker.

Minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting were read and approved as read. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Nash with second by Woollen to cash in sewer CD

maturing Sept. 15, 2021 in the amount of \$20,000.00 and to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The following claims were presented for payment:

Minden Courier	28.50	Verizon	86.56
Great Plains Com.	245.38	DWS&D	195.00
Cornerstone Ins. Group	50.00	LARM	16,961.00
CPI	314.55	Town & Country	281.92
Hall's Oil	1292.00	So. Public Power	802.61
Visa	20.71	NE Public Health Env. Lab	190.00
Wilcox Utilities	766.94	Black Hills	60.56
Central States Lab	1295.25	NPPD	23,792.29
D. Fecht	7.70	So Public Power	1976.00
H. Stewart (meter refund)	85.38	So Central Sanitation	3917.00
Paramount Linen	84.42	One-Call Concepts	13.07
Council	145.00	Salaries	5060.27
EFTPS	1899.88	NYSLife	936.39
NE Dept of Rev	2187.30	Transfers	21,472.26

Motion by Woollen to approve all claims for payment. Second given by Norman. Motion carried.

All delinquent utility bills were reviewed.

All nuisance properties were discussed. We will be in touch with attorney for the owner of 305 E. Franklin property stating that October 12, 2021 is the deadline to remove the nuisance.

Occupancy at 308 S. Main accessory building will be dropped from the agenda.

Motion by Woollen with second by Nash to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Ayes – Woollen, Nash, Fecht, Norman, Gardels. Nays – None. Motion carried

Motion by Norman with second by Fecht to approve Res. #641 to set final tax request at \$78,508.00. Motion passed with all members voting in favor.

Motion by Nash with second by Woollen to approve fiscal year 2021-2022 budget as proposed. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Woollen introduced Ord. #642 Annual Appropriation Ordinance and made a motion to suspend the three readings. Second was given by Norman. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. Three readings suspended.

Motion by Norman for final passage of Annual Appropriation Ordinance #642. Second given by Fecht. Motion carried by unanimous vote Ord. #642 passed.

Board discussed minimum housing standards. D. Walker has been researching this and will be in contact with the League of Nebraska Municipalities. Further discussion tabled until the October meeting.

Building Permit #374 was reviewed. It has been approved by the Wilcox Planning Commission at their meeting of September 14, 2021 and submitted to Village Board for final

approval. App. #374 is for a fence at 401 Evertt St. Motion by Nash with second by Woollen to approve building permit app. #374 with wording on permit stating that this is an “open” fence. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Harms has updated the Village website and will continue to keep it current. The Village Board appreciates all the work Matt has put into this. Matt was present to discuss how we want to advertise/publish information regarding our TIF housing lots that are available in Wilcox on the website.

B. Johnson discussed the water leak over the weekend all should be fixed Wednesday. Our recycling trailers are locked as the Holdrege facility is shut down for a few weeks due to Covid. Briefly discussed the idea if Wilcox could join into an interlocal agreement with a bigger town to help and share resources should a major water leak happen. This will be looked into further.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____

Melinda Ferree
Village Clerk

APPROVED: _____

Brad Gardels, Chairman
Wilcox Village Board of Trustees