

VILLAGE OF WILCOX
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The budget hearing of the Village of Wilcox was held September 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Minden Courier newspaper on the 7th day of September, 2023, and was posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Wilcox Post Office and G. Thompson Agency. Members of the village Board were notified by mail postmarked September 7, 2023.

Chairman Gardels called the budget hearing to order at 7:00 pm and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Nash and Johnson. Trustees absent: Adam and Norman.

Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public. Chairman Gardels made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was then open for public comment on the proposed budget statement. All members of the public were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so. With there being no comments from the public, motion was made by Nash and second by Johnson to close the budget hearing. Vote: Ayes - 3, Nays - none. Motion passed. The budget hearing closed at 7:15 pm.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Nash to adjourn the budget hearing. Vote: Ayes – 3, 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 Nash with second by Johnson to close the final tax request hearing. Vote: Ayes – 3, Nays – none. Motion carried. Final tax request hearing closed at 7:30 pm.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Johnson with second by Nash to adjourn the final tax request hearing. Vote: Ayes – 3, Nays – none. Motion carried. Final tax request hearing adjourned.

Immediately following the final tax request hearing, Chairman Gardels called the regular Village Board meeting to order and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Johnson, Nash. Absent – Adam. Others in attendance were D. Fecht, R. Carey.

Minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting were read and approved as read. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Nash with second by Johnson to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

The following claims were presented for payment:

Syndicate	29.22	Verizon	166.03
NE Municipal Clerks' Assn	50.00	CPI	2365.47
Great Plains Com	239.54	Town & Country	99.41

So. Public Power	886.00	Wilcox Utilities Dept.	809.07
Black Hills	77.20	Svoboda's Ace Hardware	25.67
League of NE Mun. Utilities	130.00	Cornerstone Ins. Group	450.00
NPPD	27,373.62	So. Public Power	2285.80
IES	27,577.33	So. Central Sanitation	4292.90
Aramark	109.80	Visa	325.04
Syndicate	57.75	Council	175.00
Salaries	5495.32	NYPLife	993.94
NE Dept of Rev.	1208.31	NE Dept of Rev. Recycling Fee	25.00
EFTPS	1767.98	Transfers	24,023.06

Motion to approve all claims for payment was made by Johnson with second by Nash. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

All delinquent utility accounts were reviewed.

Nuisance properties: The property at 302 S. Main St. will be taken off the nuisance list as this property has been cleaned up. Legal action is being taken on several of the other properties listed.

The board moved onto new business Item A. Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024 Budget. Motion to approve 1% increase in restricted funds was made by Nash with second by Norman. Vote: Ayes – 4, Nays – none. Motion carried.

Resolution #662 – Setting the final tax request, was read aloud. This sets our request at \$86,591.72 causing our tax rate to be 0.45 per \$100 of assessed value. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Norman to pass Res. #662. Vote: Ayes – 4; Nays none. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget as proposed was made by Nash with second by Johnson. Vote: Ayes – 4; Nays none. Motion carried, budget document approved.

The Annual Appropriation Ordinance #663 was introduced by Nash and then moved to approve Ord. #663. Motion to suspend the three readings was made by Norman with second by Johnson. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. Three readings suspended. A second to the original motion to move for final passage of Ord. #663 was given by Norman. Motion was put to a vote and carried with all members voting in favor. Ord. #663 was approved and then signed.

Resolution #664 – Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Motion by Norman with second by Nash to approve Res. #664. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Document was signed by Chairman and will be returned to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards.

The board reviewed the Wilcox Planning Commissions' recommendations from their meeting of September 12, 2023. Building permit #392 – Rich Gellermann – patio. After site inspection and reviewing plans, all looks fine for this patio, however, owner has a previous building permit for fence that has expired. Village ordinance states that all construction be completed within one year. This permit expired in June, 2023. Motion by Nash with second by

Johnson to request owner to resubmit expired application by October and both permits (fence and patio) would be evaluated and approved at the October meeting. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. Building permit #393 – Matt Harms – fence. The Planning Commission did not approve this permit as the fence company did not do their survey or flag the property. When this is completed, #393 will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at a future meeting. No action was taken by the Village board on B.P. App. #393.

D. Fecht was present to inform the board that he recently visited with the State Inspector who evaluates all trailer courts and what he suggests on removal of the Franklin St. trailers. We are still looking into ways to remove the north trailer. A representative from Charter Cable will be in Wilcox October 19th to go over the franchise agreement. The Board discussed recent dog complaints.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____

Melinda Ferree

Village Clerk

APPROVED: _____

Brad Gardels, Chairman

Wilcox Village Board of Trustees