

VILLAGE OF WILCOX  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

The budget hearing of the Village of Wilcox was held September 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Notice of the budget hearing and the final tax request hearing were published in the Minden Courier newspaper on the 29<sup>th</sup> day August, 2024. The One & Six Street Improvement Plan Hearing was posted in the Minden Courier on August 22, 2024. Notices of all the above hearings and regular meeting were posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Wilcox Post Office and High Street Insurance. Members of the Village Board were notified by mail postmarked September 5, 2024.

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

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, as well as, a comparison to the prior year's budget.

The floor was then open for public comment on the proposed budget statement. A reasonable amount of time was allowed for public comment. With there being no comments from the public, motion was made by Nash with second by Adam to close the budget hearing. Vote: Ayes – 4, Nays – none. Motion passed, budget hearing adjourned.

The final tax request hearing was opened immediately after the budget hearing at 7:15 PM. The floor was open for any public comment or discussion. Motion by Norman with second by Nash to close the final tax request hearing. Vote: Ayes – 4, Nays – none. Motion carried. Final tax request hearing closed at 7:30 pm.

Trustee Johnson joined the meeting at this time.

The One & Six Street Improvement Hearing was opened at 7:30 pm. Chris Miller of Miller & Associates was present to discuss our One and Six Street Improvement Plan as follows: One Year: Harlan St. grade and gravel from S. Evertt to Alphonse St.

Six Year: Toila St. grade and gravel from Dequine to Detroit

John St, grade and gravel from Sapp to Detroit

Evertt St. Armorcoat/curb and gutter from Phelps to Linn.

Motion was made by Norman with second by Johnson to close the One & Six Street Improvement Plan Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #672 approving the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan was reviewed. Adam made the motion to approve Res. #672 as presented, second given by Nash. Motion carried unanimously.

Immediately following the One & Six Street Improvement Hearing, Chairman Gardels called the regular Village Board meeting to order and noted the Open Meetings Act.

Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Johnson and Adam. Others in attendance were R. Carey, R. Carr, D. Sherman and C. Miller.

Minutes of the August 13, 2024 meeting were read and approved as read. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Johnson with second by Nash to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

The following claims were presented for payment:

Syndicate	172.22	Verizon	183.24
Great Plains Com	241.06	Dana F. Cole	900.00
S&W	14.99	Svoboda ACE	192.59
Municipal Supply	211.55	Town & Country	295.28
Wilcox Utilities Dept	803.17	Black Hills	80.18
Miller & Associates	2015.00	Dutton-Lainson	81.00
NPPD	23,819.31	SPPD	2364.70
NE Public Health Lab	15.80	Cornerstone Ins Group	450.00
SPPD	717.75	NE Waste & Recycling	25.00
Great Plains Asbestos	9700.00	SCS	4338.95
Vestis	117.50	Visa	50.15
Wil-Hil School	300.00	CPI	1939.16
Quad-C Consulting	370.00	Council	175.00
Salaries	5694.27	EFTPS	1807.64
NE Dept of Rev.	1162.53	NYLife	1023.76
Transfers	1614.77		

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

The Board reviewed all utility accounts.

Nuisance properties were discussed. Some progress has been noted at 109 W Sapp; and 106 S Clegg. The next court date for 201 S. Main St is set for September 26<sup>th</sup>. Letters will be sent to 103 S. Clegg, 105 N Clegg and 202 E Detroit regarding tall grass/weeds. Also discussed person living in camper with dogs at 410 S Briggs.

C. Miller of Miller and Associates reviewed the six bids received for the water extension project at Wilcox West Addition using ARPA funds. Motion by Nash to award the bid to Vrba Construction Inc. at \$47,025.00 with completion date of 12/1/24. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed building permit applications #400 and #401 previously approved and submitted by the Wilcox Planning Commission from their meeting of September 10, 2024. #401 - D. Guthrie, who would like to construct a privacy fence. #401 – R. Gellermann extending roof over patio and a new deck. Motion by Nash with second by Johnson to approve building permit applications #400 and #401. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board moved to new business Item D. Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024 Budget. Motion to approve 1% increase in restricted funds was made by Johnson with second by Norman. Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – none. Motion carried.

Resolution #673 -Setting the final tax request, was read aloud. This sets our request at \$87,479.83 causing our tax rate to be 0.45 per \$100 of assessed value. Motion was made by Adam and seconded by Nash to pass Resolution #673. Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – none. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget document as proposed was made by Johnson with second by Norman. Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – none. Motion carried, budget document approved.

The Annual Appropriation Ordinance #674 was introduced by Nash and then moved for final passage. Motion to suspend the three readings was made by Norman with second by Johnson. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. Three readings were suspended. A second to the original motion to move for final passage of Ord. #674 was given by Adam. Motion was put to a vote and carried with all members voting in favor. Ord. #674 was approved and signed.

In other discussion D. Sherman was present voicing his concerns about the number of dogs residents are allowed to own, barking dogs and tall weeds/grass in yards.

Clerk reported that updated software for utility billing is necessary when we go with the new Tantalus meter reading system. At this point we have no cost for this software or other information, as clerk has been unable to contact gWorks representative.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Melinda Ferree  
Village Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Brad Gardels, Chairman  
Wilcox Village Board of Trustees