

**Minutes of Wingate Town Council
Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2025**

Meeting Called to Order:

A Special Meeting of the Wingate Town Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. with Council Members Curt Hadley and Andrew Lorenz present.

Attendees:

Jay Busse, Mark Fruits, Tyler Wilson, Phil Bane, Tom & Joyce Stonecipher, Dale Jones.

Discussion:

The only topic of discussion on the agenda was the Wingate Town Park building project and the READI grant funding of same...

- Curt opened meeting with a statement on the state of bids / meeting with the Park Committee recently / meeting with Corey at HWC... Given that we only have 1 bidder with 2 variations and as of bid-closing date incomplete bids...
- 2 options:
 - Put package back out for re-bid
 - Award bid to bidder with conditional approval
- Park committee (Tyler / Mark / Phil) shared that most of the missing documents from Biddle Construction were brought forward
- Stu shared that the town reserves the rights to accept bid and waive irregularities
- Phil shared that Biddle brought forward 2 variations to help reduce cost to the town
- Phil also discussed that we have the ability to modify the project with change orders during construction to stay within the limits of our funding
- Curt shared that Cory validated this ability to modify as needed
- Curt shared that Cory said the first cut-check against invoices would be ~ 6 weeks then subsequent invoices would be paid MUCH quicker
- Phil gave a personal testimony that Bane (Welker) and Phil personally has worked on more than 13 projects with Biddle and has FULL trust in him
- Brief discussion as well on volunteers at project to allow...
 - Make sure they are covered by town liability insurance
 - Coordinate with contractor
- Andrew reiterated what is needed

Curt – made a motion at 6:24 P.M. – Conditional Approval of Project award to Biddle Construction conditional on review and need for any added documents:

- Motion 2nd by Andrew
- Vote – Curt / Andrew voted for – NO votes against.
- Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis Hadley, Board Member