

**Minutes of the Wingate Town Council Meeting
Held May 13, 2025, in Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Member Curt Hadley.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Kyle Campbell, Curt Hadley, and Andrew Lorenz were all present. Also present and reporting on behalf of the Town: Town Maintenance Supervisor, Jay Busse of Busse Excavating, Troy Ellis of UMAC, Suzy Bass of Local Government Services, and Darren Forman, Fire Chief, Coal Creek Fire Department.

The Town Marshal, Jared Kirby, was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held April 8, 2025, were presented for approval. Andrew Lorenz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kyle Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote, and it carried. The minutes of the special meeting held May 7, 2025 were presented for approval.

Special meeting minutes reviewed; motion to approve by Curt Hadley, seconded by Andrew Lorenz. The motion was put to a vote, and it carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Curt Hadley asked if anyone from the public wished to make any comments. No issues were raised.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Park Advisory Board

Curt Hadley recognized Mark Fruits who stated that he had nothing to report. Curt Hadley stated that he had a comprehensive update prepared which he would provide later in the meeting.

Town Maintenance

Jay Busse reported that he is addressing ongoing summertime alley work. He stated that he needs to purchase additional stone.

Jay also reported that he has obtained some quotes for tree removal. A discussion was held. B&B Tree Service quoted \$2,000 for two trees and \$1,200 for road-hanging trees, totaling \$3,200. Andrew Lorenz made a motion to authorize Curt Hadley to contact Frank for a quote. If Frank's quote is below \$3,200, proceed with Frank; otherwise, use B&B Tree Service. The Board stated that the work needs to be completed within a month. Kyle Campbell seconded, and the motion carried.

Water & Sewer Operations

Troy Elless with UMAC reported concerning Water/Wastewater PFOS Testing: Results showed zero PFOS, with another sample set due in October.

The CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) has been awaiting state approval and is proposed to be sent to the council for early review due to the June/July deadline.

Hydrant Flushing is scheduled for June 10, 2025, in the morning. Suzy Bass will post a notice, potentially on water bills or as a separate flyer, to inform residents. Flushing is expected to take a few hours. The Council wants a separate flyer.

Covalen submitted a quote of \$27,625 to repair four bobber units. A discussion was held on whether to proceed or wait for planning grant outcomes. Kyle Campbell moved to table the repair decision until the July meeting, pending updates on the planning grant. Seconded by Curt Hadley, the motion carried.

Fire Department Darren Forman

- Reported fourteen (14) runs in April (ten (10) EMS, four (4) fire, eight (8) in Wingate, four (4) in New Richmond). He also stated that the department provided mutual aid to Mellott and Madison Township.
- Year-to-date runs at seventy-four (74), higher than expected for May.
- Raised concerns about burning ordinance violations, requesting a reminder in minutes, and a water bill notice.
- Noted equipment damage during a recent call, linked to a property with a history of violations.

Marshal, Jared Kirby, was absent, but Curt Hadley stated that he would reach out to Kirby to get an update on the Speed Signs. A discussion was held.

Financial Reports

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Suzy Bass presented the monthly financial reports, which included the April fund report, bank reconciliation, appropriation report, and revenue report. As well as the May 13th Claims Payable Docket for \$36,589.23. She also presented proposed utility adjustments for \$154 due to billing errors. Andrew Lorenz made a motion to accept the financial reports, seconded by Curt Hadley. The motion was put to a vote, and it carried.

Old Business

1. Park Project Update Curt Hadley reported:

- Met with Park Committee and Corey (HWC). Reviewed bids from Biddle Construction, with 90-95% of the required documents and a \$15,000 bond check submitted.
- Contract execution signed. Bid package to be sent to HWC for review, then to IDC.
- Conditional approval given to Jim (Biddle Construction), pending HWC confirmation. Permits to be pulled post-approval.
- Phil Bane agreed to assist with project management, with details to be finalized.
- Timeline: 6 weeks for IDC processing; change orders possible for funding gaps. Federal funding must be closed by year-end.
- Location concerns raised by Darren Forman regarding proximity to baseball diamonds and festival parking. Curt Hadley noted Tyler's involvement in ensuring accessibility.
- No action required; updates are expected by next meeting.

2. Water/Wastewater/Stormwater Master Planning Grant – Troy Elless reported

- Meeting postponed to May 28, 2025. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

3. Proposed Rate Block Adjustment Study

- Kyle Campbell moved the rate block study to the table until the next meeting. Andrew Lorenz seconded. The motion was put to vote and the motion carried.

4. Lead and Copper Line Inventory Service Contract - Troy Elless

- Discussed capping the contract at \$600 for 6 hours, with additional hours requiring council approval. Andrew Lorenz moved to cap the contract at \$600, seconded by Kyle Campbell. The motion carried.

5. Coal Creek Fire Rescue Tanker Truck Storage Request - Darren Forman

- Darren Forman requested that the Board table his request for two months, Curt Hadley made a motion to table, seconded by Andrew Lorenz. The motion was put to a vote, and it carried.

6. Tree Removal at Well House - Curt Hadley

- This topic was covered under Department reports. Curt Hadley will contact Frank by May 16, 2025.

7. Website Status - Curt Hadley

- Janet to connect with Shyanna for website updates and schedule training. Curt Hadley to participate if possible.
- Discussion on online bill pay; Curt Hadley to research processors (e.g., PayGov) used by Kingman or other towns.

8. Internet Upgrade for Live Meetings - Curt Hadley

- Upgrade needed by June to pilot live streaming for July compliance.
- Kyle Campbell to contact TDS by May 19/20, 2025, for pricing. Tipmont is preferred due to reliability.
- Suzy Bass mentioned that a camera was purchased with COVID funds; Curt Hadley suggested a multi-directional camera for better streaming.

9. Draft Policy Allowing Remote Participation in Meetings

- Andrew Lorenz made a motion to table. Seconded by Curt Hadley. The motion carried.

10. Spring Clean-Up Day (June 7, 2025)

- Suzy Bass stated that the Clean-Up Day information will be included with the water bills. Curt Hadley stated that he will post information on Facebook and coordinate with Shyanna for website updates. Kyle Campbell suggested that they also post physical notices at the post office.

11. American Legal

- Tabled until next month, since Janet oversees this project.
- Andrew Lorenz moved to table, seconded by Kyle Campbell. The motion carried.

New Business

1. Cording Hall Clean Up -100 High Street - Curt Hadley

- Raised concerns about public perception if the park project is announced without addressing the Cording Hall debris pile.
- Andrew Lorenz to contact the insurance company by June 1, 2025, to discuss options for cleanup, citing safety hazards (e.g., blocked highway view).
- No action taken; insurance company input needed to avoid liability issues.

2. Trash Pile at 206 E Wabash

- Kyle Campbell noted that this is a Violation of Indiana Open Burning Regulations (Ordinance Code 13-17-9-1) and was reported on May 5, 2025.

- Report sent to the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office.
- Andrew motioned to send the November 25, 2024, ordinance violation notice for enforcement, seconded by Curt Hadley. The motion carried.

3. McClure Street Properties

- Andrew Lorenz stated that there has not been any progress on cleanup (due by May 15, 2025) for properties on McClure Street, including behind the white barn and adjacent lots.
- Proposed hiring a contractor (e.g., Busse) to clean up, post-deadline, and bill the owner, with legal action if needed.
- Curt Hadley to coordinate with Kirby for a violation notice if no action by May 15, 2025.

4. Water Tower Equipment Revenue

- Discussion on unpermitted equipment on the water tower, with only ZigWireless paying \$100/month.
- Andrew Lorenz suggested a rate study to bill other providers (e.g., BridgeMaxx, Resnet) or disconnect unauthorized equipment.
- No formal action; further investigation needed to identify providers.

Task Assignments

• Curt Hadley listed assigned tasks

- Contact Frank for tree removal quote by May 16, 2025.
- Contact Kirby for speed sign update by May 16, 2025.
- Post hydrant flushing notice (June 10, 8:30 AM–noon) on Facebook by June 1, 2025.
- Coordinate with Cheyenne for website updates and Spring Clean-Up Day (June 7) posting.
- Research credit card processors with Speaker 4 by May 30, 2025.

• Andrew Lorenz

- Contact insurance company regarding Court and Hall cleanup by June 1, 2025.

• Suzy Bass

- Include Spring Clean-Up Day and hydrant flushing notices in water bills.
- Research credit card processors and send findings to Speaker 6 by May 30, 2025.

• Kyle Campbell

- Contact TDS for Internet pricing by May 19/20, 2025.
- Post Spring Clean-Up Day notices at the post office.

Adjournment

Andrew Lorenz moved to adjourn, Kyle Campbell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Campbell', written in a cursive style.

Kyle Campbell, Council President
Acting Clerk Treasurer