

Wynnedale Town Council

May 10, 2022 minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., all members present.

No other town residents attended.

Jarnell Burks-Craig gave the treasurer's report showing a total deposits in checking of \$10,293.97 and money market balance of \$135,029.24.

Asked about the American Rescue Plan distribution Wynnedale received of \$27,815.74, she said it likely will have to be returned as the town did not have expenses that met the criteria even though the distribution had been approved earlier.

In old business, the town's snow plow needs were discussed and members agreed to seek other options in the event Josh Darring of 4275 Knollton Road, who does the lawn care for public areas in Wynnedale, is unable to or chooses not to.

Also, the need for new gravel on the path through the bird sanctuary and in front of the Little Library was discussed.

In new business, the council discussed the State Board of Accounts audit which found that all balances were correct, with no funds missing, but criticized some of the online records-keeping, asking that the info be downloaded to Gateway. Jarnell Burks-Craig said she had followed the advice from the state Department of Local Government Finance. Being a very small community with no town hall, no paid staff other than the very small stipend paid to our treasurer, she had been told that as long as records were available we were good.

This raised questions as to whether Wynnedale should continue to remain a town or instead dissolve to fully be part of Marion County governance. The town could instead form a neighborhood association, akin to Meridian-Kessler. One downside discussed would be whether the city would try to extend Knollton Road, which currently is closed at the bird sanctuary. The council agreed to continue to explore what unincorporation would mean, both pros and cons. No action would be taken without a full public hearing getting input from any and all Wynnedale residents who want to weigh in. Then the council would have to vote, and the city would have to decide whether it wanted to absorb Wynnedale.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.