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The Van Buren Town Council held a Public Meeting for the 2025 Budget on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:45PM at the Van Buren Town Hall. Council President Jerry Caudill called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk, Debra Poe presented the Reduction Resolutions and Form 4 of the budget. Jerry motioned to approve the Reductions; council member Mark Towery seconded. 3-0. Mark motioned to approve the 2025 Budget; council member Katie Freeburn seconded. 3-0. Jerry motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mark seconded. 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54PM.

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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Council Members

The Van Buren Town Council held its regular meeting Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Van Buren Town Hall. Council President Jerry Caudill called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Katie Freeburn motioned to approve previous meeting minutes; council member Mark Towery seconded. 3-0. Minutes were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS: Waneta Linton had a question about a post that she saw on Facebook, the council let her know that it was old information.

TOWN CLEAN UP: The council again discussed the fall town clean up. They decided to not have the fall clean up and wait until Spring to try to come up with a better way to have it.

POLICE: Marshal Skyler Beard reported that they are waiting for the tazers to arrive. The tazers should arrive in December. Skyler has been in contact with the Glock representative to upgrade handguns. The current ones are old. The department has been dealing with multiple dogs that are getting loose. All owners were found.

UTILITIES: Utility Supervisor Donnie Plummer reported that both plants are running well. The retention tank levels are getting high, which is causing false reading. Donnie order apart for it. The fire hydrant has been replaced on the corner of Plum and Washington. There will be electricians coming to run electric on two mixers. Macquire Iron will pay for the fix. Donnie checked on a valve on Chester Street, he is looking into getting a new one. He is still working on the lead and copper report. Donnie sent an email to INDOT regarding the four-way stop drains not draining properly. Originally, they responded, saying it was a town issue. Someone from INDOT stopped to check it out, they then said that they would repair it in a couple weeks.

ENGINEER: The towns’ engineer, Eric Woodmansee presented a new contract and invoice. He is no longer with his previous company. He is waiting for the town’s attorney to approve. Mark motioned to approve the new contract pending the attorney’s approval; Katie seconded. 3-0.

Once Eric receives approval from the town’s attorney he will move forward with the storm water project.

The council signed the Salary Docket.

Katie motioned to approve APVs; Mark seconded. 3-0.

Katie motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mark seconded. 3-0. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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