

**Town Council
Willimantic Service District**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Windham Town Hall Meeting Room**

Minutes

1. Call to order

Mayor Ernest S. Eldridge called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Town Council members present: Lorraine McDevitt, David Howe Sr., N. Joseph Underwood, Erika Haynes, Christel Donahue, Teresa Santucci and Ernest S. Eldridge.

Staff present: Neal J. Beets, Town Manager.

2. Citizens and Delegations

None.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding future meeting dates

Underwood MOVED, Howe seconded, to set the Willimantic Service District Council meetings quarterly, the second Tuesday in March, June, October and December at 7:00 p.m. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Santucci who abstained.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Eldridge reported that he participated in the stuff the cruiser with a toy with the Willimantic Police Department at the Stop & Shop parking lot.

5. Town Manager's Report

a. Budget

Town Manager Neal J. Beets gave a brief update on the current budget for the service district and what the Governor is proposing for cuts. He also passed out a proposed budget schedule for both the Council and Board of Finance. Mr. Beets gave an overview of the budget process as stated in the Town Charter.

b. Willimantic Police Department Update

Town Manager Neal J. Beets gave an update on grants that have been approved for the Willimantic Police Department, which were part of the stimulus money coming from the Federal Government. Mr. Beets also gave a brief update on the Noise Ordinance that was adopted and reviewed by the DEP.

c. Willimantic Fire Department Update

Chief Ron Palmer informed the Council that he had come in front of the Board of Selectmen and said he was planning on retiring in the spring. He mentioned that he would be submitting a date in the next couple of months.

d. Purpose of these meetings

Town Manager Neal J. Beets informed the Town Council that the departments are doing the best they can. He mentioned that as elected officials he would like to get some feedback and see what the Council would like to see happening and if they need any clarification on issues that come up to please see him.

6. Citizens and Delegations

Lori Jeffers stated that she heard a lot of information, but people out there didn't since the meeting was not broadcast. She questioned if the second canine was going to be a poodle. Ms. Jeffers requested that the Town Council ask all the union for give backs since we cannot afford a tax increase.

7. Adjournment

Howe MOVED, Haynes seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted By:

Neida I. Rosado
Clerk of the Town Council