

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
JANUARY 16, 2020**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and State Pledge. All council members present: David McClung, Bethany Adkins, Jami Hayes, Wally Harper (late), Thomas Frame, Marie Dailey and Donna McKneely. Guests were George Woodrum and Will Jordan.

Council read over the minutes, then Councilwoman Hayes moved to accept the minutes as presented and read (motion passed). Councilwoman Hayes then moved to approve the financial statement and Councilwoman Adkins moved to pay the invoices (both motions passed).

Councilman McClung continued on the agenda item from last month, following through with information to see if having a police department is financially feasible for the town. He introduced Will Jordan, Putnam County Deputy Sheriff and Chief of Police in Buffalo.

Officer Jordan discussed how they started the Buffalo Police Department and the benefits it will bring to the community. He was integral in their startup, has been the Police Chief since it's inception 13 years ago, and has worked under six different mayors. They started the Buffalo PD with a \$5,000 budget (with a lot of donations) and now has 4 officers and a \$75,000 budget. They can enforce town ordinances within the community, but the council must have updated ordinances. See attached cost information and items needed to start a police department.

After much back and forth discussion, the council thanked Officer Jordan for speaking to them and providing information. Council then discussed having a town wide meeting at the Fire Department to gauge the citizen's feelings toward having a police department within the town.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor