

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
April 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Mayor, Gene Bertrand at 6:00 pm in the Wilmont Community Center, 316 4th Avenue. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Present: Gene Bertrand, Travis Halbur, Steve Brake, Isaac Joens & Carolyn Penning.

Guests and Staff: Amber Bertrand, Tim Bertrand, Deputy Sheriff Mike Schei

Absent:

Agenda: Travis Halbur moved to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Steve Brake made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Travis Halbur. All in favor. Motion carried.

Time Sheets: Isaac Joens made a motion to approve Tim Bertrand and Amber Bertrand's time sheets for March, seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report for March. Travis Halbur made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay the remaining bills and also to pay the operating bills that are received after the council meeting including the fire department bills. Motion seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: Deputy Sheriff Mike Schei gave the report and stated that nothing new has happened – no calls. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the Sheriff Report and was seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Tim reported that not much is happening in his area. He did purchase a small blade to help grade the alleys & it seems to be working well. Still not discharging ponds yet. For the ballfield Tim is still waiting for the fence company to get the fence put in due to staff shortage & they are waiting for the playground equipment to be delivered and Tim will check on that to get a timeline. Tim will be getting the water samples sent in this week. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the Maintenance Report and was seconded by Travis Halbur. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Isaac Joens gave the Fire Department report – They are still trying to get estimates on repairs for the fire hall. Tim reported that the new truck is pretty much ready to go and should hopefully be all outfitted/done by next meeting. Carolyn said she talked to quite a few people and they thought the fundraiser for the Fire Department went well – served around 350 people. Carolyn Penning made motion to approve the Fire Department report and was seconded by Travis Halbur. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Travis Halbur and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to contract again with Mosquito Control of Iowa for the 2022 season. The price did increase \$220 over last year to \$1,695.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Spring Clean up will be held on May 11th and Amber will get that info out to the residents. Jerry at Schaap will drop off prices for appliances along with the stickers.

Local Board of Appeal will be held on April 19th at 2:30 – need to make sure 1 trained person is in attendance along with at least 3 council members.

On a motion by Carolyn Penning and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to not waive liability limit on the property/casualty insurance policy. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Travis Halbur and seconded by Steve Brake it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 2022-04 to Elect the Standard Allowance for ARPA. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amber brought up the need for a website for the City of Wilmont. All the other cities have a website and she expressed how the city could put all the happenings, legal notices, minutes, etc. which would in turn be beneficial to the city residents. On a motion by Travis Halbur and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to look into cost for a website. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: Amber gave the Clerk report – Amber received a phone call that United Prairie may be getting a drive-up ATM, nothing has been set yet but the only construction that will be done is to the side of the building. They would just be cutting a hole in the wall and the majority of the ATM would be inside and the face of the ATM would be flush with the building. Work Comp and Property/Casualty insurance has renewed beginning of April. Work comp premium did increase a little bit from the prior year. Amber went over coverage for the property/casualty with Wade at UP Insurance and left everything as is but did state that once the new playground equipment arrives may want to list that. Wade also said the concession stand wasn't listed so he will look into that and we will also want to keep him updated with the progress of the Fire Station so we can make sure the building value is adjusted correctly. Once the Security Cameras are in Amber will let Wade know as we can maybe save a little for having them. Amber brought up that Laura Gjerde passed away this last October but she was still getting billed for the garbage/recycle so was requested to refund those charges as Wells Fargo is in the process of foreclosure as they haven't received any payments. Council was fine with this but the property will still be charged the base rate for water/sewer and if no payment received the balance will be assessed at the end of the year. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: Security Cameras – Gene explained that the bid we looked at last month was only for the 4 cameras that would be placed in the Community Center and he will get a bid for 2 more cameras for the fire hall and the shop. Gene is hoping that they will get installed soon just waiting on the cameras to come in. No motion needed since the bid was approved at last meeting.

Repairs to the Community Center – Mike Slater got the new siding put on and we are just waiting for Scott to put on the gutters. Front windows are in and we are just waiting until the contractor has time to replace.

Donation to Fire Hall - Still waiting on estimates from the fire department before City can see what they will donate.

New Business: Russ Penning was unable to make it in person but he was put on speaker phone and asked if they could block off the street between the Community Center and the bar for the street dance on June 4th and to see if they could also use some of the community centers power like they did last year for the band. Russ also asked what time it all needed to be shut down by and council said Midnight would be fine and Russ thought they were done by 11:00 last year so shouldn't be an issue. Isaac Joens made motion to allow this and was seconded by Travis Halbur. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Council did discuss the Maintenance position. Tim said at this time he is still willing to help out over the summer when he can and that he would also still do the water/wastewater as a contracted employee since he has his license. Amber will post the position in the Wilmont Shopper, at the City Hall and also will put ad at the bank and the post office. Applications will be requested to be turned in by May 6th so council can discuss at next meeting.

There being no further business, Travis Halbur made a motion to adjourn, Steve Brake seconded.

Next meeting will be held on May 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

Note: These minutes are proposed and are subject to change.