

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
April 10, 2025

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

Council Present: Isaac Joens, Carolyn Penning, Tom Slater & Josh Balster.

Guests and Staff: Amber Bertrand, Steve Joens, Logan Neyens, Val Buettner, Adam & Brittany Wood.

Absent: Alicia Entinger

Agenda: Isaac Joens moved to accept the agenda and was seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Isaac Joens made a motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2025 and was seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Time Sheets: Time sheets look good and no questions arose. Isaac Joens made a motion to approve time sheets, seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – Isaac did ask about the larger transactions that were labeled “Due from audit” and Amber explained it was just money moved around for payroll and other things throughout the year that got paid out of General but needed to come from WSG or Fire Dept and it will be an annual thing. This time it looked larger as it was for 2 years worth. Isaac Joens 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 Carolyn Penning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: No one present.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Steve did get a quote from Electric Pump to service the lift stations pumps and that came in at \$600.00 vs MN Pump Works who we currently use which had a quote for \$1,786.00. On a motion by Isaac Joens & seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to go with Electric Pump for 2025. Steve wants to camera & jet out the storm sewer on 6th Ave and Justin Ahlers said he should have a jetter that will work. Steve wants to put up a sign stating no stump grindings at dump since they don’t burn & then we have to haul off and pay to get rid of – Council was fine with this. Tom Slater made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Logan Neyens gave the report – said that he had 4 Firefighters that passed FFI & FFII training. A new truck was purchased so they are working on getting that ready to be used. Fundraiser went really well. An application was received from Adam Wood and Amber did mail to Sheriff to do background check but haven’t received back yet. Council looked it over and on a motion by Isaac Joens & seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to approve the Application for Adam Wood contingent to background check, all in favor, motion carried. Carolyn Penning made motion to approve the Fire Department Report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: Amber gave the Clerk report – Only thing she had was every year with Insurance the Council had to make a motion to not waive or waive Liability Coverage. Amber explained what it was and Council decided to stay with what they have done in the past so on a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly

passed to not waive the monetary limits for liability coverage, all in favor, motion carried. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Audit Review was done via phone call with Rebecca from Kinner & Co. Nothing was out of the ordinary and finance looked good. The only recommendation she had was to have the City Council look over the bank statements monthly which Amber said she will get added into the packet. On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to approve the audit review, all in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-10 Acknowledging Donations for Fire Department.

On a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to approve the Building Permit from Isaac Joens for a shop addition. Isaac did abstain from voting due to conflict of interest. All in favor, motion carried.

It has been brought up about allowing chickens in town. Council discussed and didn't see an issue with it. Amber said she can work off of what Lismore did when they added an ordinance for Chickens. On a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to start the process of adding an ordinance to allow chickens within City limits. Amber will work on that and have City Attorney look it over and will have to get Public Hearing posted in paper and will need to do 2 readings before being able to adopt so will take time but Amber will start the process. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: Windows: Amber gave the cost of windows to Brian and is just waiting to hear back from him.

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is set for Monday, April 28th at 2:30 pm.

There being no further business, Tom Slater made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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