

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
August 14, 2024

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: Josh Balster, Isaac Joens, Alicia Entinger & Gene Bertrand.

Guests and Staff: Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent: Steve Brake

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

Minutes: Isaac Joens made a motion to approve the minutes from July 9, 2024 and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

Time Sheets: Time sheets look good and no questions arose. Josh Balster made a motion to approve time sheets, seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – nothing out of the ordinary. Isaac did ask about the cost of Nobles Coop Electric and Amber said that the amount has pretty much been the same as in the past but June was a little bit higher than normal with the flooding. Josh Balster 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 Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: No one present.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Steve said that he was able to get into most houses to get the picture of the meters for the Lead & Copper report for the State. Steve did see a couple hookups that were not done correctly so asked the Council if we should be sending them a letter stating they have 30 days to fix and an inspection will need to be made when done and Council was fine with this so Steve will get Amber those names so she can mail a letter to them. Amber did go to the FEMA meeting and they will be reaching out to Steve. Steve is still going to work on some storm drains and get them jetted out. Steve did ask if he could shut off the water at 304 3rd Ave – no one is living there, electricity has been shut off and the water bill is past due. Steve just wants to shut off so this winter we can avoid a water leak at the house with no way to get in. Josh Balster made motion to approve shutting the water off at the curb and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor, motion carried. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Got the new gear in. Ribs and Rims went well got around \$4,800.00. Josh Balster made motion to approve the Fire Department Report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: Amber gave the Clerk report – Joyce Jacobs reached out to ask about the Rural Urban District as Brian Lenz was still listed under this but with the home now built there she wasn't sure if he should be. Amber looked at the other houses that are right by his and everyone has the same charges on their billing so it was decided that Lenz needs to be moved into residential – this could increase the property taxes going forward but Joyce stated she will not go back to when the house was built to collect that difference. UBMax which is the current Utility Billing Software will be discontinued/sunset at the end of December 2024. Amber has been looking into different options and got a quote from gWorks (they purchased UBMax), Munibilling and Banyon. When looking at the quotes gWorks seemed to be the best option so on a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to go with gWorks. Amber still wants to look into it more as she is still unsure of gWorks and all the hidden fees they seem to have. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amber placed the budget on the agenda so the Council is aware that we will need to go over and finalize at the September meeting.

On a motion by Josh Balster and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve the building permit for Lenz Excavating. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: Front Windows on Community Center – waiting for Brian to install.

Town Bar & Grill Food Truck – Council had tabled this until more Council members were present. Amber went over again what would all need to be done to allow a Food Truck into the City on a normal basis. Council decided that at this time we will not allow Food Trucks and if the bar ever sells can see what those hours/days will be and can always discuss the option again at that time. On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed to not change any ordinances or to allow Food Trucks into the City. All in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, Josh Balster made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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