City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
August 12, 2026

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: Carolyn Penning, Tom Slater, Isaac Joens, Alicia Entinger & Mayor Josh Balster

Guests and Staff: Adrian Velazquez, Deputy Morke, Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent:

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

Minutes: Carolyn Penning made a motion to approve the minutes from July 15, 2026 & was seconded by Alicia Entinger. 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 Tom Slater. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – All looked like normal transactions and no questions arose. Carolyn Penning made a motion to accept the financial report along with Bank Statements 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 Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: Deputy Morke was present but didn't have anything to discuss. Council didn't have anything at the time. Amber said she is working with Deputy Simpson on a couple things. It was brought up about some piles of metal being in a residents yard which is against ordinances. Amber said she will mail out a letter to inform them it needs to get cleaned up within a couple weeks. On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to approve the Sheriff Report, all in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Stump grinding is done on the removed trees. Fall clean-up is set for Wednesday, September 16th. Steve said he has not heard from Bargen yet about a timeline of when they plan to do the streets. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Steve was using Brian Remakels blower when he damaged some parts on it and Brian asked the Fire Department to fix but was still willing to let them borrow. Fire Department decided that they would just like to buy a blower and return Brians once it is fixed. On a motion by Carolyn Penning and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to buy a new blower which costs right around $776.00 and to fix Brians blower, all in favor, motion carried. On a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to approve the Fire Department Report, all in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Report: Amber gave the Clerk report – Amber asked Council if they wanted to do the same amount with Chandler Coop on the propane – we used up most of it and the balance left would be used up for summer fill. Council was fine with that so on a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to get 4,000 gallons at $1.5/gallon, all in favor, motion carried. United Prairie Bank said we were over on the covered FDIC and pledged amount so Amber asked the Council if she could take $50,000 from WSG and $50,000 from General fund and put into a CDARS for 6 months and will work on increasing the pledge amount. On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to approve doing 2 CDARS, all in favor, motion carried. On a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report, all in favor, motion carried.

Amber put on the Agenda as a reminder that the September meeting will be when they need to set the preliminary budget.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve the permit for Slater Construction, all in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve permit for Michelle Baerg, all in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Carolyn Penning and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2026-08 for the Fall Bazaar for OLGC on October 11th.

Adrian Velasquez was present to discuss the shed that he had put up/placed without getting a permit. Amber was informed of the shed due to it possibly being on the neighbors property. Adrian believes the shed is all on his own property. Council informed Adrian that he would have to verify and prove property lines and if he cannot the shed will need to be moved onto his property that he for sure owns or removed completely. Adrian said he understood and will work on getting his property surveyed. So on a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Carolyn Penning Adrian was given 120 days from todays date 8/12/26 to have his property surveyed and to file survey with the County and bring that info to Amber. If he cannot come up with proof of property lines then he will have to remove the shed. 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.

Chicken Ordinance – Council discussed and decided to not go forward with allowing chickens in City Limits. Due to getting a new City Attorney and the cost versus how many people will actually have chickens it just didn't see to be worth the money to pursue. On a motion by Carolyn Penning and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to not pursue allowing chickens in City limits, all in favor, motion carried.

Cemetery Land – Just waiting on the Church

Fence to be fixed at pond – Steve said that he left them a message again. Josh told Steve to call daily.

Water Treatment Building – Tom is going to ask Aarons Painting to see if they would get us an estimate as that might be all it needs to help with the water issues, no motion made until we get estimates.

Concession Stand – On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve the work done by Aaron's painting for the ballfield concession stand, dugouts and playground. All in favor, motion carried. Booster Club plans on doing the mural on the concession building at some point – will hire someone.

Potholes by bank and Albertson's – still working on getting estimates to fix.

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

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9th, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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