

City of Wilmont  
Regular Council Meeting  
December 11, 2024

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

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

**Guests and Staff:** Tom Slater, Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

**Absent:** Steve Brake

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

**Minutes:** Alicia Entinger made a motion to approve the minutes from November 13, 2024 and the Workshop Minutes from November 22, 2024 and was seconded by Isaac Joens. 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. 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 – Waiting on an estimate from AI to fix the boiler since it is leaking but haven't heard back from him yet. Will need new tires for the new plow truck so got a couple quotes. Adrian Coop came in at \$1,610.00 and Heartland Tire out of Worthington came in at \$1,350.00. Council discussed and on a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed to go with Heartland Tire. New blades are also needed on the plow truck, Steve got quote from Equipment Blades on 2 different types. One blade is standard steel for \$385.65 and the other are carbide blades which are \$1,195.65. Even though the carbide blades are geared to last longer it didn't make sense to not try the standard first since the cost difference was so much. On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed to purchase the standard steel blades at \$385.65. Will need to put a City of Wilmont sign on the plow truck so Amber will reach out to someone to see cost and get that taken care of. Steve asked if the City needs to keep the sander and liquid tanks that are on the new plow or can those be sold since we never had a sander in the past. Council was fine with selling so will add that to the Resolution. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Report:** Amber included the Fire Department Budget which shows about a 7.5% increase and only did 1 year so Logan can sit down and really look over the budget. On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed to accept the Fire Department Budget for 2025. Fundraiser is set for end of March. Toys for Tots went over well. Alicia Entinger 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 – with Gene being off the Council Amber still wanted him to help with doing the monthly backup on the Computer which Gene said he was fine with so on a motion by Josh Balster and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve the backup being done by Gene Bertrand. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2024-10 Adopt Final Levy & Budget. All in favor, motion carried. Council did discuss and decided to bring the levy amount down to a 20% increase instead of the 32% they set in September.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2024-11 Declaring Surplus Property. The property included on the resolution is the 1992 Ford Snow Plow, the sander and liquid tanks (2) from the 2010 Mack Snow Plow. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2024-12 Charitable Gambling for VFW Raffle on 2/9/25. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:** Front Windows on Community Center – since Amber was fine with not having new windows put in place a motion was made by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Isaac Joens to sell the windows either to Brian Remakel or someone else that may have use of them. All in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, Alicia Entinger made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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