

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
December 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: Carolyn Penning, Tom Slater, Isaac Joens, Alicia Entinger & Mayor Josh Balster

Guests and Staff: Deputy Walker, Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent:

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

Minutes: Alicia Entinger made a motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2025 and was seconded by Tom Slater All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – All looked like normal transactions and no questions arose. Isaac Joens 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 Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: Deputy Walker said that there wasn't much going on around town that he was aware of but did have a couple complaints of 4-wheelers around town. Council didn't have anything for the Sheriff Office so on a motion by Isaac Joens 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 – Need new blades on pusher so is working on getting those. Still waiting on the Fence people to come and fix the fence. County is supposed to be coming to fix their tile but hasn't seen them yet so Steve will reach out to see if they know when it will get done. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Logan sent Amber the 2026 Fire Department budget so Council looked over and on a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to approve the Fire Budget for 2026. 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 – Amber ended up having to get a new computer due to the current one had crashed and almost didn't start back up. Alicia had noticed during Santa Day that some of the good coffee pots and other items were not cleaned and some still had coffee so thought that maybe a list would be good to give to those who rent. We would charge a \$100 refundable deposit and the renter would check off the items on the list if they were used and if used they verify it was clean. If not cleaned then the refund would be kept by the City. Some items were so moldy that they had to get thrown out. Council was fine with this idea and on a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to have a checklist and require a \$100 refundable deposit. Amber will work on getting a checklist and once she has she will start charging the refundable deposit. All in favor. Motion carried. It was brought to the Councils attention that the Booster Club was not being treated as fairly as others who pay to rent the Community Center so said they are willing to pay if that will help them be treated as equals. Council stated no that the Booster Club is a branch of the City and that there was no reason that they are not treated the same and going forward they will be. Amber asked who actually was supposed to clean the Fire Hall area and was told that usually someone like Becky or Deb does. Amber noticed that there wasn't any garbage cans at the hall so Josh called Schaap and they will drop one off & get them added to the pickup list. On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report, all in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-16 Adopt final levy and budget – no change from the preliminary budget done in September, all in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Carolyn Penning and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-17 Authorizing Charitable Gambling on February 1st, 2026 for the OLGC calendar raffle

On a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve the Liquor License for the Wilmont Rec. The VFW discussed and decided to not renew their license as they do all alcohol through the bar. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-18 Authorizing Charitable Gambling for the Fire Relief Association on March 22nd Fundraiser. 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 – no new updates.

Cemetery Land – Nothing has been heard back from the Church, will leave on agenda until final decision is made.

Ash Tree Grant – Steve had gotten an email from the State and we did not get the tree grant this year. There was over 11 million dollars in applications and the State only had 4 million to use and since Wilmont was not in a high priority area we did not get selected. We will try again next year when the application process opens in the fall.

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

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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