

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
February 7, 2023

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

Guests and Staff: Amber Bertrand, Steve Joens, & Sergeant Mike Schei

Absent:

Agenda: Steve Brake moved to accept the agenda and seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Josh Balster made a motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2023 seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Time Sheets: Isaac Joens made a motion to approve time sheets, seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – nothing new other than the normal bills. 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: Sergeant Mike Schei was here said nothing has been going on for Wilmont. Schei asked if we had anything set up for snow emergency and Amber said that Steve has some flyers to put on vehicles and that she has something written up to post on Facebook if needed. Isaac Joens made motion to accept the Sheriff report and was seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the maintenance report – Steve asked if we should get an estimate on the street lights that the city owns for LEDs and was told to go ahead and get an estimate for LEDs. Steve Brake 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 Fire Department report – Logan had something come up so was unable to make the meeting. Steve said the schooling is going good and the pickup was brought over to Heiman to see if they could find out why the battery was draining so fast. They are working on getting the estimates all together for the Fire Hall remodel and may have order some things already (Steve brought in a couple estimates). 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 – Local Board of Appeal and Equalization has been set for Tuesday 4/24/23 at 2:30pm. Lavonne Lutterman had passed away and the family is wanting to bury her in the Wilmont Cemetery so sent money for the deed which just needs to be approved and then Amber will mail the deed to them. The family plans to bury her this spring/summer. Isaac Joens made motion to approve selling of 1 lot and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor, motion carried. Amber is still getting info over to the auditor. Steve Brake made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Josh Balster and seconded by Isaac Joens to approve Resolution 2023-04 Authorizing Charitable Gambling within the City for Wilmont Saloons pull tabs, electronic gambling devices and Bingo with Currie Town and Country. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Isaac Joens and seconded by Steve Brake to approve Resolution 2023-05 Amended Fee Schedule. This was due to Schaap Sanitation increasing their rates on garbage and recycle. New rates are – 65 gallon \$14.49, 95 gallon \$20.08 and recycle \$4.24. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rich Hoffman is wanting to split the land that he owns into lots and sell them as commercial for machine shops or sheds. He was wondering if the City of Wilmont would be willing to split the cost of running a water line through that area (would hook onto the waterline that runs out to Loo Cons). His plan would be to have the entrance/exit off the gravel road and would do a cul-de-sac so the road wouldn't go all the way through. Rich would just have whoever puts up a building do a holding tank for the sewer as running that line would cost a bit. The City is fine with Rich selling his land into lots and developing that area for Commercial property but the City would not help pay for the water line and the cost of doing that should just be rolled into the cost of the lots. Amber will let Rich know.

Old Business: Front Windows on Community Center – waiting on nice weather to get them put in.

Water issues by Vaskes house – Still looking into, did finally get the video from Beau so Steve is going to look through them and see what he could see.

Nobles County ARPA Funds – Just waiting on estimates and/or spring time. Steve did give a couple more estimates for water treatment building, fire hall on the truck side and shop. Looking at replacing lights at the shop and water treatment building. It was asked if Steve talked to the fence people and he hasn't yet so he will get a hold of them to see if they can come this way.

Camera's for the Shop and Fire Hall – Gene talked to Scott who is trying to get estimates on the parts and is working on getting it to us.

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

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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