

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
February 7, 2024

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor, Josh Balster at 6:00 pm in the Wilmont Community Center, 316 4th Avenue. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Present: Josh Balster, Isaac Joens, Steve Brake & Alicia Entinger.

Guests and Staff: Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent: Gene Bertrand

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

Minutes: Steve Brake made a motion to approve the minutes from January 3, 2024 seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Time Sheets: Time sheets look good and no questions arose. Steve Brake 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. Alicia Entinger 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 Sheriff was present.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Steve passed his water test and got the certificate. Steve talked with Justin Ahlers and he thought around \$1,500 to dig and place valve at the ponds. Steve will be checking with the State of MN before doing anything. Isaac Joens made a motion to approve the estimate of \$1,500 from Justin and the valve cost of \$3,038.77 and was seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor, motion carried. Steve added gravel in the potholes and cleaned off the street by the ballfield. Steve is still waiting to hear back from MN Pump works for replacing the impellers at the lift station. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Had a truck meeting the other night in regards to the pumper truck and sent in a quote to the grant writer. Looked at some used tanker trucks but nothing really stood out. Isaac Joens 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 – Nobles County had received some funds for Election supplies and upkeep of equipment and asked us to approve the VOTER Account Agreement which states that Nobles County can retain all VOTER Account funds received as they have all voting equipment. Council was fine with this so Steve Brake made motion to approve the VOTER agreement and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor, motion carried. The Appeal & Equalization meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30th at 2:30. Amber did get letter from Mosquito Spraying of IA and cost will stay the same as last year & they plan to spray for ticks as well and will go into the parks. Steve Brake made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Steve Brake it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2024-03 Amended Fee Schedule. Only change was in garbage cost as Schaap did raise the rates – 65 gallon will be \$14.93, 95 gallon will be \$20.73 and recycle will be \$4.38. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Steve Brake it was duly passed to approve pay raise for Steve Joens to \$25/hour as he is now completely certified. Tim will no longer need to help the City cover the Certification and Amber will call and let him know. All in favor, motioned carried.

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

There being no further business, Steve Brake made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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