

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
February, 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: Logan Neyens, Deputy Nelson, Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent:

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

Minutes: Carolyn Penning made a motion to approve the minutes from January 14, 2026 and was seconded by Isaac Joens. 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 Carolyn Penning. 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 Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: Deputy Nelson was present and said he didn't have anything to report and Council didn't have anything that came up to discuss. On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve the Sheriff Report, all in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – New blade on pusher and ordered a new wing blade. Also had to order a new propeller. Steve said he will be having surgery on March 4th for his shoulder so will be out for a little while. Steve will call Justin Ahlers to see if he will help out on the water/sewer side of things if an emergency arose. As for the snow side of things will just hope that we have good weather and if we do get snow Isaac, Tom & Josh said they would help get it cleared. Amber said they could let the County know as well and they would come and clean off main street. No plan to hire a temp maintenance person since should only be out a couple weeks. Josh did mention that he talked to the County and they will have someone come and look at the roads to fill and seal the cracks and see what cost is. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Logan Neyens gave the report – Stated that the new truck is ready which means the old truck is no longer needed so Council will declare as excess property. Logan asked if the letters & invoices have gone out to the townships yet and Amber stated that she is currently working on them and they will go out yet this week. Logan plans to start working on procedures and Amber said she is willing to help where needed. Carolyn Penning made motion to approve the Fire Department Report and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: Amber gave the Clerk report – Amber didn't have much to report on – all was going well. The Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting was coming up on Thursday, April 23rd at 2:30pm so Council will want to put on their calendar. 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 Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2026-03 Adopt 2025 Nobles County Hazard Mitigation Plan, all in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Carolyn Penning and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2026-04 Declaring Excess Property, all in favor, motion carried. Council was fine with Logan taking care of the sale side of things since he can

figure out the value of the truck and what a reasonable offer would be. Logan will determine a good asking price and vehicle will be posted for sale.

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 – Josh said that they do plan to purchase some of the land and are waiting for it to warm up a little bit so they can go and mark the area they are thinking and the Council can reapprove and if all parties in favor paperwork will get started.

Fence to be fixed at pond – Steve said he called them last fall but haven't called them since. Josh said he needs to call them daily until they give him an answer on when they will be coming to fix.

Checklist for Community Center – Amber got a checklist together to start with and can always update and adapt as it gets in more use. Council didn't have any additions or changes on it at this time.

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

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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