

City of Wilmont  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 12, 2022

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:** Gene Bertrand, Carolyn Penning, Travis Halbur and Steve Brake.

**Guests and Staff:** Amber Bertrand, Tim Bertrand, Steve Joens, Sheriff – Melissa Einck

**Absent:** Isaac Joens

**Agenda:** Steve Brake moved to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Minutes:** Travis Halbur made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Time Sheets:** Travis Halbur made a motion to approve Tim Bertrand and Amber Bertrand's time sheets for December, seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor, Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report for December. Travis Halbur 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 Steve Brake. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Maintenance Report:** Tim Bertrand reported that the bench out front of Community Center was moved to other side by window so the snow could be shoveled easier. Tim also reported that the Rock/Nobles County Correction people came and cleaned the Community Center – mopped, vacuumed, cleaned bathrooms, etc. Said it went really well and that they were all hard workers and that he feels using them going forward would be a great decision. Tim was told by the corrections officer that they like to paint so will try to set up time up in the future to have them paint the Community Center. Travis said the Score Board should be arriving end of January for the ballfield.

**Fire Department Report:** Steve reported that there is an AFG regional grant for radios and new pagers that would be for all departments county wide and would be part of one application for funding to purchase the radios. It would be for a 5% match and there is no guarantee that the grant will be approved but better chance if it is applied for as a group instead of individual departments. If all 9 departments participate Wilmont's cost would be around \$277 (total cost to apply for regional grant is \$2,500). If the grant is approved the amount paid would be reimbursed through the grant but either way the City needs to pay the split amount. Steve also discussed the Nobles County Mutual Aid Agreement and said that the rates did change some – Labor Rate per hr \$15 and for equipment no charge for the first 8 hours.

**Nobles County Sheriff Report:** Sheriff Melissa Einck gave the report and stated that nothing new has come up or is going on.

**Clerk Report:** Amber gave the Clerk report – said that training was going well in both Wilmont and Lismore but still has a lot to learn. Amber is also looking into training that will be taking place in St Cloud at the end of March. Kate is still training her in Lismore and Danielle Berg or Sabrina have been helping her in Wilmont.

Motion was made by Travis Halbur to accept the Maintenance, Fire Department, Sheriff and Clerk reports and seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor, Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Security Cameras are not available yet. The repairs to the Community Center are waiting for the carpenters to start.

**New Business:** Motion was made by Travis Halbur to give Amber Bertrand City Clerk signing authority and paperwork has been signed at United Prairie Bank, Steve Brake seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

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

Next meeting will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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