

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
January 10, 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.

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

Absent: Alicia Entinger and Isaac Joens

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

Minutes: Steve Brake made a motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2022 seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – nothing new other than the normal bills. Steve Brake 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 Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: Sergeant Mike Schei was here said nothing has been going on for Wilmont but if they have issues with people not moving vehicles when it snows to just give them a call. Steve Brake made motion to accept the Sheriff report and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the maintenance report – Steve had the Sheriff Dept talk to a couple people about vehicles not being moved when it snows and also someone had a snowmobile hanging out into the road so Sheriff got that moved. Steve said a light pole that the City owns keeps going out so will get that fixed. Once there is a nice day he plans to take down the Christmas lights. Cold snap had froze 3 meters & Steve was wondering if the City should be charging the residents for them or if the city just covers the cost. Amber will look into this and Steve and her will look into the cost of the meters and then the Council can decide what to do. Amber had asked if she should make something up for a Snow Emergency that she can put out on Facebook just stating that if snowfall is over 2 inches the plow will be out and vehicles need to be removed from the streets by a certain time until they are plowed or you may be ticketed and/or towed. Council was fine with this and Amber will get something together & she will also get a flyer to Steve so he can stick it in the vehicle as a one time type of warning. Amber also went over the ordinance for depositing snow onto the streets as there was some issues with a couple people and per the ordinance it is not allowed so Steve will have to see if it keeps happening and have Sheriff talk to them if need be. Josh Balster 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 Fire Department report – The remodel for the Fire Hall is going to be starting pretty soon. Amber reminded that we will need estimates before the City can put any money towards the remodel. Amber had asked that everyone on the FD fill out a new application so she has all that info on hand and Steve said that this got done at their last meeting. Josh Balster made motion to approve the Fire Department report and was seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: Amber gave the Clerk report – she had received an email from Bruce Heitkamp from Nobles County asking if the City would like to be a part of the Nobles Home Initiative which is geared towards helping people who are building new homes or updating/replacing dilapidated homes get a tax abatement for 5 years – they would have to be approved by the County and the program runs from 1/1/23-12/31/27. The council would need to pass a resolution if they wanted to be a part of this program. Amber is getting things together for the audit and busy doing end of the year. Steve Brake made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Josh Balster and seconded by Steve Brake to approve Resolution 2023-03 Participation in the NHI Program. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Josh Balster and seconded by Steve Brake to approve Resolution 2023-01 Setting of Appointments. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Josh Balster and seconded by Steve Brake to approve Resolution 2023-02 Fee Schedule. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: Front Windows on Community Center – Amber had talked with Brian Remakel and he said he does have the windows and he plans on getting it done this Spring which Amber did ask him to let her know if he for some reason won't be able to get this done.

Water issues by Vaskes house – Steve still hasn't gotten the video footage from Loosbrock but with it being winter not much we can do about anything at this time.

Nobles County ARPA Funds – Just waiting on estimates and/or spring time.

Camera's for the Shop and Fire Hall – Scott from Connected Living had gotten ahold of Gene to let him know that the cost of the cameras had increased quite a bit over his estimate but Scott will get back to Gene on that.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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