

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
January 15, 2025

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: Isaac Joens, Alicia Entinger, Tom Slater & Josh Balster.

Guests and Staff: 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: Isaac Joens made a motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2024 and was seconded by Tom Slater. 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 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 Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: No one present

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Plow had a small leak in the coolant area so Steve got a replacement from T&S and replaced it himself. Steve got the “City of Wilmont” decals placed on the plow truck. Steve has been going around trimming the trees. Had to place a new small heater in the water tower as the old one wasn’t keeping the temp steady. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Steve mentioned that with all the new equipment that the Fire Department is getting if they should be doing an itemized report for insurance reasons. Amber will check with Wade but Council still thought it a good idea to have the itemized report of equipment no matter what. Fire Department is looking at bidding on a Tanker Truck and wanted to make sure that the Council was fine with them doing that and also wondering if the City would be willing to put any money towards the tanker truck. Council discussed and was fine with them bidding so on a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed that the City would be willing to give up to \$15,000 towards a tanker truck and bidding online to purchase. Isaac Joens 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 – Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting will be coming up end of April but the City needs to make sure that at least 1 person has taken and passed the training so Amber asked if all Council could take just to be on the safe side and it needs to be done by Feb 1st – Alicia is still good for a couple years yet. Amber got a letter from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water which states they will be raising water rates on July 1st by \$0.15. Amber checked more into the Pigeon issue and Sheriff Kruger said there was nothing against it but recommended trapping just due to the big liability issue it could cause the City. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-01 Acknowledging Donations. All in favor, motioned carried.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-02 Setting of Appointments. All in favor, motioned carried.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-03 Fee Schedule. Schaap did increase garbage rates so those will show on Utility billings starting on the February bill. Amber did also recommend increasing the late fee from \$5 to \$10 which the Council was fine with so Amber will put a note on the February billing about that increase. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-04 Declaring Vacancy of Council Member Seat since Josh Balster was elected as Mayor. Council is going to table appointing a new Council member until next month. All in favor, motioned carried.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-05 Charitable Gambling withing City limits for OLGC. All in favor, motioned carried.

Isaac was approached by the Church in regards to the Walnut Trees and if they can be removed. Council was fine with the Church removing them since the Walnuts are a big liability with people slipping on them since they are falling on the sidewalk. On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to allow the Walnut Trees by OLGC to be removed. All in favor, motioned carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve the Audit Engagement letter from Kinger & Co. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Issac Joens and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-06 Charitable Gambling within City limits for the Fire Relief Associations fundraiser. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-07 Declaring Excess Property for the Wilmont Fire Department. All in favor, motioned carried

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-08 Water shut-off for non-payment Utility billing accounts.

Old Business: Front Windows on Community Center – since Amber was fine with not having new windows put in place a motion was made by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Isaac Joens to sell the windows either to Brian Remakel or someone else that may have use of them. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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