

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
July 9, 2024

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: Josh Balster, Isaac Joens & Gene Bertrand.

Guests and Staff: Deputy Nelson, Tom Slater, Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent: Alicia Entinger & Steve Brake

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

Minutes: Josh Balster made a motion to approve the minutes from June 11, 2024 and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Time Sheets: Time sheets look good and no questions arose. Josh Balster made a motion to approve time sheets, seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – nothing out of the ordinary. Isaac Joens 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: Deputy Nelson did come to the meeting but was called away to an accident – Council didn't have anything to discuss.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Josh Balster asked Steve if he got the manhole cover figured out yet or the parts ordered but Steve said he has not yet but will work on it. Steve said the lift pump floats were not working but he was able to get ahold of tech support and got those back into working order. Due to the flooding we will need to do an emergency discharge of the ponds so Steve reached out to the State and was told everyone in our area is needing to one. For the flooding we did rent a pump that was brought down from MRWA so will eventually see a bill for that. The County plans to come into town and look at the County Tile and may do some work on it. Steve mentioned that we need to get working on the lead/copper thing the State is requiring us to do as Steve will need to get into every house to get a picture of the lines coming into the house. Amber will get the notice into the Shopper and get a flyer for Steve to stick on doors if the resident isn't home. Amber told Steve that he can take the I-pad and use AST app at any time to input the info in. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Steve Joens gave the report – New jaws works great and will be a great addition to the Fire Department. Ribs and Rims will be in Adrian on July 19th and the Fire Department plans to participate with that. Fundraiser during the Celebration went really well. Josh Balster made motion to approve the Fire Department Report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: Amber gave the Clerk report – Logan Neyens is going to be renting the building located at Fuel on 4th for his trailer business but needs to add a Suite number to his address. Council was fine with that and Josh Balster made a motion and was seconded by Isaac Joens approving Logan adding Suite 1 to the address so he can finish his dealer license/paperwork. Alicia asked if Steve could make sure that the ballfield bathrooms were cleaned and stocked for the last game of Little League on July 29th as the Booster Club is doing a fundraiser so will have more people there and Steve said he would. Josh Balster 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 Josh Balster it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2024-05 Amended Fee Schedule. Only change was the increase in water rates to match the increase from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water.

The City of Wilmont Council Members and Mayor want to give a big Thank You to the Wilmont Booster Club for putting together and amazing 125th Celebration along with all of the volunteers that made it happen!

It was brought to Amber's attention that people may be dumping extra sewer waste from pump trucks into the City's sewer system – no one on the Council has seen this happen but the Council still wanted to make a motion that states the City does not approve of this activity and that it is not allowed. On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed that the City does not and will not allow anyone to dump sewer into the City Sewer system or out at the ponds. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Josh Balster and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve the building permit for moving a storage shed onto property for Tom Slater. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Town Bar & Grill Food Truck – Amber did some more checking on allowing food trucks into the City and from what she could find and what other Cities had to do was to put in place an ordinance or to amend our current ordinance that allows food trucks to operate within City Limits. Amber is fine with doing this but it will take time and would need to be looked over by the City Attorney along with posting in the paper and doing public hearings. The Council discussed but wanted to table this until next month when hopefully more Council members will be present to decide if they want to go this route or just keep as is and not allow food trucks to come into the City. Food trucks are still allowed to come for events but not just for normal business unless ordinances are updated.

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

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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