

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
June 11, 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, Steve Brake & Alicia Entinger.

Guests and Staff: Greg & Janet Penning, Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent:

Agenda: Josh Balster moved to accept the agenda and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Steve Brake made a motion to approve the minutes from May 14, 2024 and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Time Sheets: Time sheets look good and no questions arose. Alicia Entinger 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. Josh Balster 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.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: No one present.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Someone had dumped junk into the compost pile – Amber did look in camera but couldn't see anyone actually dump the items so they must have tried hiding it. Amber will post on Facebook and also have Judy post in the Shopper. Lift pumps for some reason keep slowing down & Steve talked with the company but they would have to do a service call – will try waiting until they come do annual service in August. Ponds are pumped down so we can place the valve in hopefully within a couple days. Steve is still looking for a radiator for the plow truck as it is a different size. Steve did talk to Pennings about the fence that they hit and they will pay to fix so Steve called the fence company and they will try to get down here soon to fix. Gene did ask if Steve tried calling Tim to be on call and Steve said he did but didn't get a response which Tim did respond just was later in the day. Steve needs to give notice sooner than the night before and also needs to make sure that Tim is still on all of the alarms and has access to a set of keys – same would go if we had to use Justin. Battery backup at the water tower wasn't working so a few people called to say they had low water pressure. Amber ordered a new one off Amazon and Steve was able to bypass until we get it. Steve Brake 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 – Ashley Balster was approved. Some trainings will be coming up. Nothing else really happening other than the fundraiser at the VFW during the Celebration. 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 – Some of the Garden Club members had talked to Alicia stating that they has asked Steve to move the flowers pot around after they got them filled and he said no. Steve did clarify that he said no because the new pots that were purchased were that cheap plastic and once full of dirt and flowers they would be super hard to move without cracking them. Alicia will let them know the reason behind why Steve said no & just to put in place where they are wanting them. Steve Brake made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Wilmont Celebration – Greg Penning was here on behalf of Saloon 7 and wanted to get things figured out for the celebration. Beer stations will be placed in a couple different spots throughout the celebration to help relieve some of the traffic at the bar – this was approved by the council and motion was made by Steve Brake & seconded by Josh Balster. Food trucks will help out with the food side of things & the bar was good with that. There will be a tent where people will need to purchase bands before being able to buy any alcohol. Steve will help with emptying the garages a couple times on Saturday

and then Sunday morning. We do plan to close Main Street down on Friday night and Sunday morning from the South end of Fuel on 4th to the North end of the Hardware store and then also will close down on Saturday from 5th Street corner to New Vision area as we need for parade. Josh Balster made motion to approve shutting down the streets and was seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor, motion carried. Amber will get the County the information they are needing since it is a County road.

Alica was contacted about adding a dedication plaque to the bell that is out at the cemetery for the Sibson Family. Wasn't sure how they planned to attach but it sounded like they more want to do the dedication part during the celebration. Council didn't see an issue with it so was approved on a motion by Josh Balster and seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor, motion carried.

Little League Baseball starts on July 1st and ends on July 29th and the Booster Club was wanting to do a fundraiser at that last game from like 5-9 and was wondering if it would be ok for that last day to have the bar come and serve some alcohol. Josh Balster made motion to approve the bar being there only on the last day during the fundraising time and was seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Joint Powers Agreement with Nobles County – Heard back from City Attorney and she recommended to go with the County so on a motion by Alicia Entinger & seconded by Issac Joens it was duly passed to approve the Joint Powers Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Bar & Grill Food Truck – Council talked again about allowing the food truck to come just on Monday's when the bar in Wilmont is not open and if they would open back up on Mondays then the food truck would not be able to come. This was discussed and approved at the last meeting but was left on the agenda as we were waiting to see if they would be interested which they are. Amber said she will need to look into having a food truck a little bit more and will also need to see if a fee or permit will be required.

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

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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