

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
June 11, 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, Carolyn Penning, Tom Slater, Alicia Entinger & Mayor Josh Balster

Guests and Staff: Amber Bertrand, Steve Joens, Sergeant Schei, Mark Slater & Alan Balster

Absent:

Agenda: Carolyn Penning moved to accept the agenda and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Isaac Joens made a motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2025 and was seconded by Tom Slater. 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 – All looked like normal transactions and no questions arose. Isaac Joens made a motion to accept the financial report along with Bank Statements 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 Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: Patrol Sergeant Schei was present and said that he didn't have anything. Amber did get a complaint about Ann Harts house and the smell coming from there along with the rodents that are showing up. Sergeant Schei said he will pass the message along to Deputy Simpson. On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve the Sheriff Report. All in favor, Motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Steve explained about PFAS testing and he will look more into it. MN Dept of Health came and did inspection of water tower among other things and the report came back with no discrepancies. This inspection should be done every 18 months but the State was behind 3 years so going forward they plan to get back to the 18 months. Steve did finally get ahold of Southwest K Fence as the gal was out with health issues and they will get us on their schedule to come and fix the fence. Steve mentioned that the baseball fence is coming down and he has wired things back up but will want to get it fixed sooner than later. Tom mentioned that the building is starting to look rough and thought it should get painted. Steve will see if the Corrections crew can come and help paint. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Logan Neyens gave the report - Nothing new to report but did have some questions on the hiring process and by laws for the Fire Department. Amber said she can see what other towns do and can maybe get their hiring process along with by laws and see if something can be pieced together so there are definitive rules and regulations on everything. Logan was good with that and Amber will keep him informed of what she can find. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the Fire Department Report and was seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: Amber gave the Clerk report – Everything is going well and no concerns on anything. Amber reminded them that the water rate increase will be happening July 1st – this is from Lincoln Pipestone Rural water

and the increase will be for \$0.15 so Amber will get that updated in the Utility Billing system. Amber does also plan to be on vacation starting July 9th through the next week. Tom Slater made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Slater and Alan Balster were present on behalf of the OLGC Calvary Cemetery. They are asking if the City is willing to sell a portion of their Cemetery land to them as they are getting closer to capacity on their side. When looking at the map and what graves on the City side that have been purchased there were a couple in the area OLGC was wanting to purchase. After Council discussion this request was tabled until our next meeting as we wanted to check with those who own plots in the area that could be potentially sold to OLGC to see if they would be ok with being on the Catholic side instead of City side if the City sold that area of land. If anyone that would be affected by selling of that portion of land rejected the idea then the Council would look at a different area that isn't right by the current Calvary side to sell.

Tom was talking to Brian Remakel and Brian asked if the City would be willing to sell that small strip of land that is by the Hardware store. The City in the past has mentioned that they would be willing to put it up for bids so that is still an option. No motion made at this time to sell or not sell.

Old Business: Windows: Amber gave the cost of windows to Brian and is just waiting to hear back from him.

Amber did send off the Ordinance for Chickens to Travis Smith, City Attorney and is just waiting for a response.

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

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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