

City of Wilmont  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor, Josh Balster at 6:00 pm in the Wilmont Community Center, 316 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Council Present:** Josh Balster, Isaac Joens & Alicia Entinger.

**Guests and Staff:** Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

**Absent:** Gene Bertrand & Steve Brake

**Agenda:** Isaac Joens moved to accept the agenda and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Minutes:** Isaac Joens made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7, 2024 seconded by Alicia Entinger. 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. 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 Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Nobles County Sheriff Report:** No Sheriff was present.

**Maintenance Report:** Steve Joens gave the report – MN Pump Works installed the 2 impellers at the lift station. Snow Plow radiator was leaking antifreeze so Steve is going to see if he can find a replacement for it – T&S thought he could find one for around \$1,200 plus labor. Alicia made motion to approve purchasing the radiator from T&S and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor, motioned carried. Amber mentioned that Steve may just want to keep his eye out for plows that are for sale that way if a good deal presents itself we can be on top of it. Steve got storm drains cleaned and graded the alleys. Steve noticed that the Siren didn't go off last Wednesday when it should have so Steve is going to have the County test again to see if it's the actual siren having issues or if it the radio frequency from the County. Amber will post something the day we plan to test so the residents know that it is a test. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Report:** Josh Balster brought up that right now Mike Slater is having Hennings bring in loads of clay/gravel for the building he tore down and it was mentioned that if we ever decide to build onto the Fire Hall we would have to level the back out some and also move the propane tank. The loads were going for \$100 so it wasn't a bad price & Mike said he would help with leveling the area out. Council discussed and thought that it might be a good idea to move the propane tank now and have some loads of clay/gravel be brought to level out the area. On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve moving the propane tank and getting a couple loads of clay/gravel. Steve will talk with Chandler Coop as they would probably have to lay a new gas line. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the Fire Department Report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Clerk Report:** Amber gave the Clerk report – Nobles Coop Electric had reached out to see if the City would be willing to enter into a "Good Neighbor Agreement" with them. Nobles Electric is trying to receive funding from

MN Dept of Energy and want to do a resiliency electric grid project. If funding is not approved then the agreement would be terminated. Council looked over the agreement and on a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to sign the Good Neighbor Agreement. Coreen Slater had called and said that on June 8<sup>th</sup> there is going to be a wedding at the VFW but with all the people in attendance they are going to need a bigger food area so want to set up a tent outside by the West Side door of the VFW and if they do this the tent would be partially in the alley. Coreen is wondering if it would be ok if they closed that area of the alley (people could still get by the Car Wash so there is an exit 2 ways. The tent would get put up on Friday sometime and not taken down until Monday sometime. Council discussed and Isaac Joens made a motion to approve the tent and closure of the alley by the VFW and was seconded by Alicia Entinger as long as they call Gopher State One Call before the company stakes the alley (there are quite a few different wires that run in the alley). This is only a one time approval and cannot be done without Council approval prior to other events. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Local Board of Appeal & Equalization will be held on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Gene, Isaac & Alicia plan to attend.

There being no further business, Isaac Joens made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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