

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
March 11, 2026

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: Carolyn Penning, Tom Slater & Mayor Josh Balster

Guests and Staff: Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent: Alicia Entinger & Isaac Joens

Agenda: Carolyn Penning moved to accept the agenda with additions and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Carolyn Penning made a motion to approve the minutes from February 11, 2026 and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Time Sheets: Time sheets look good and no questions arose. Tom Slater made a motion to approve time sheets, seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – All looked like normal transactions and no questions arose. Carolyn Penning 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 Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: No one present – Council had no complaints or concerns at this time, no motion needed.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Steve did have his shoulder surgery and will be out for a couple weeks and then will go to half days for a little bit. It will all depend on doctor and Amber told Steve she will need the doctor notes for the file and to keep her informed of everything. Steve did have the lift station alarms go off due to the floats being wrapped up but was able to get them untangled with the help of Al. Steve did say that the County plans to work on the tile soon to get their portion fixed. Steve worked on the current chalk machine for the ballfield and said that it is working and should be good to go for this summer. Josh did have a resident ask about a carport/gravel being put in so they could park their vehicle off the streets and he told them to get ahold of Amber to fill out a permit. Amber said she hasn't heard from them. Tom Slater made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Carolyn Penning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Not much to report but the new tanker truck is in service to use. Fundraiser is coming up and they have lots of donations so should be a good event. Tom Slater 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 – Amber didn't have much to report on – working on getting financial info to auditor but otherwise just doing the day to day things that need to be done. On a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Chicken Ordinance – no new updates.

Cemetery Land – Josh said that they do plan to purchase some of the land and are waiting for it to warm up a little bit so they can go and mark the area they are thinking and the Council can reapprove and if all parties in favor paperwork will get started.

Fence to be fixed at pond – Amber did reach out and was told that they plan to be out soon – was waiting for frost to come out of ground and also need good weather.

LBAE meeting set for Thursday, April 23rd at 2:30pm – need Mayor and 2 Council present.

Amber didn't get an estimate back from Lot Pros Inc for crack filling the streets so she will check with them to hopefully get by next meeting.

There being no further business, Tom Slater made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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