

City of Wilmont  
Regular Council Meeting  
November 14, 2023

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

**Council Present:** Gene Bertrand, Josh Balster, Steve Brake & Alicia Entinger.

**Guests and Staff:** Amber Bertrand, Steve Joens & Deputy Waldner.

**Absent:** Isaac Joens

**Agenda:** Steve Brake moved to accept the agenda and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Minutes:** Josh Balster made a motion to approve the minutes from October 11, 2023 seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – the ARPA funds from the County was received so Amber transferred the funds where they needed to be. Alicia Entinger 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:** Deputy Sheriff Waldner was present and said that he hasn't had anything come up and asked if the City knew of anything. Amber has been talking with Deputy Simpson about some of the issues around town like vehicles, dog ordinance violations, etc. but other than that she didn't have anything for the Sheriff Department. Gene mentioned the building that Lowell Scholtes owns that it looks like he came and covered a couple holes but there are still quite a few open spots that people can fall into. Alicia mentioned that we should check with Mike Slater as Lowell said that he plans to sell that lot to him so Amber will give him a call and see if there is a timeline for it being taken down. On a motion by Josh Balster and seconded by Steve Brake it was duly passed to approve the Sheriff report. All in favor, motion carried.

**Maintenance Report:** Steve Joens gave the report – Steve had MN Pump Works come and check out the lift station pumps and they said that pump 2 is getting really worn so Steve asked them to get us some quotes for cost of fixing it which they are working on. MN Pump Works did get us a quote for the cost of a new pump and that came in at \$12,308.00. Steve also had someone from MN Rural Water come and did a float test to see how many gallons were pumping since Brad from the State mentioned that we were off from what we report to what is actually pumping – Steve is looking into it and thinks that it might need to be recalibrated. Steve Brake said that we need to make sure we get a pump as we do not want to be down a pump when the old pump finally gives out. Al's Plumbing has all the materials to place in at the ballfield bathrooms but he was thinking we should wait until Spring so we don't need to winterize it or worry about anything busting during the winter. Plow truck is serviced and all ready to go and the leased tractor is here as well. Steve Brake made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Report:** Steve Joens gave the report – Washer/Dryer are here so they are working on getting those in place. Josh said that a bunch of them got fitted for turnout gear – hoping to get around 7 but for sure believe they have funds for 5 due to the grants that were received. They are also looking at getting a couple smaller radios and are working on a grant for a pumper truck. Josh Balster 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 – stated that she didn't have anything this month to report. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Front Windows on Community Center – waiting for Brian to install. Steve Joens did talk to Brian again and mentioned that we are looking to get these done sooner than later & Brian said he was just so busy.

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

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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