

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
November 13, 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: Isaac Joens, Alicia Entinger, Josh Balster, Steve Brake & Gene Bertrand.

Guests and Staff: Logan Neyens, Deputy Nelson, Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent:

Agenda: Isaac Joens moved to accept the agenda with additions and was seconded by Steve Brake. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Steve Brake made a motion to approve the minutes from October 9, 2024 and was seconded by Isaac Joens. 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 – 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 Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: Deputy Nelson was present – said he didn't have anything for Wilmont. Amber did have Mike Slater mention the overpopulation of pigeons hanging around the Scholtes Store and Wilmont Recreation and said he would be willing to thin them out. Amber had reached out to Sheriff Kruger but didn't hear anything back yet so Deputy Nelson would mention it to him. On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to approve the Sheriff Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Steve had a question about water/sewer hookup as Brian Loosbrock had asked what the cost would be for him and/or the City to hook onto the main lines as he bought the land North of Steve Joens house. Council stated it would be actual cost to the landowner and if they have to bore across the street they would want to talk to the County since Main Street is owned by them. FEMA approved the reimbursement for the Emergency flooding so just waiting for the money to be reimbursed. Lead/Copper sampling came back all good, letters were sent to those that needed one so all should be done at this time with the State. Steve had reached out to C&B about when we were going to get our leased tractor and they said they can't do the lease like they have in the past due to the value of used tractors. C&B mentioned it might cost \$18,000 just to do a 6 month lease. Steve will do some checking to see if C&B can get the cost down some and will check around with Titan Machinery or other places to see on prices and what they might have. Valve at the ponds is now in. Fence people came and looked at the fence (from when it was hit awhile back) and said he will get it fixed shortly. Josh Balster did mention that the Semi's that keep coming down Main Street are having to drive in the middle due to the low hanging tree branches. Josh mentioned that he would be willing to help out this Spring to get those trimmed up. Will have to discuss more when Spring comes. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Logan Neyens gave the report – he did get the budget done and only did 1 year as he wanted to sit down and really look at figures to match them up a little bit closer to what payroll and expenses are. Amber said she didn't get it on this agenda as she wanted to reach out to the Township that asked to be invited or at least aware of when we go over it so it will be approved next month. Reapplied for the FEMA grant. Alex Fuerstenberg resigned from the Fire Dept since he is officially living in IA now. 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 – all is going good and had nothing to report. Steve Brake made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2024-07 Certifying Election Results. For Mayor Josh Balster had the majority votes and Council Members with majority are Isaac Joens and Tom Slater. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Josh Balster and seconded by Steve Brake it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2024-08 Certify Special Assessments. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2024-09 Charitable Gambling for Wilmont Saloon. All in favor, motion carried.

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

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

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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