

City of Wilmont  
Regular Council Meeting  
October 9, 2024

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:** Isaac Joens, Alicia Entinger, Josh Balster & Gene Bertrand.

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

**Absent:** Steve Brake

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

**Minutes:** Alicia Entinger made a motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2024 and was seconded by Issac Joens. 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 Josh Balster. 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 Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Nobles County Sheriff Report:** No one present – Council has no issues or concerns to discuss.

**Maintenance Report:** Steve Joens gave the report – Got lead and copper site plan sent to the State and got the water samples submitted. A template was emailed about Galvanized pipes to use as the State is requiring letters to be sent to any that have Lead (we have none), Galvanized and Unknown. Steve and Amber will work on getting that done. Justin should be able to finally place the valve out at the ponds. Steve plans to flush hydrants next week – Amber will post on FB so people know. Boiler still needs to be fixed at the Community Center and gas line needs to be dug and placed at the Fire Hall. Radiator is in the plow and seems to fix and work well. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Report:** Steve Joens gave the report – not much new happening. Angela Larson filled out an application and on a motion by Issac Joens and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed to approve Angela Larson to be on FD contingent on background check, all in favor, motion carried. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the Fire Department Report and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Clerk Report:** Amber gave the Clerk report – PEIP Insurance renewal came in and they are switching to a 4 year lock-in instead of 2 year to try and help with keeping the rates steady. They did also remove the Value plan which is what the City currently covers/pays for. PEIP did send out another email to those that were on the Value Plan as they heard feedback that it didn't give Cities enough time to plan for that change. Council discussed and still wanted to continue with PEIP so on a motion by Alicia Entinger

and seconded by Josh Balster it was duly passed to stay with the Value plan for 2025 since the cost is what we budgeted for and will decide next fall if they will continue to cover 100% of the insurance and what plan they will switch to as they have to go with either HSA plan or High plan, all in favor motion carried. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Josh Balster. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to approve building permit for a storage shed for D. Hebig. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Josh Balster and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to approve the building permit for a cold storage building for M. Slater. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Josh Balster and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve the Liquor License for Wilmont Saloon, VFW and Wilmont Recreation. 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, November 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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