

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
October 15th, 2025

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: Alicia Entinger, Tom Slater, Isaac Joens & Mayor Josh Balster

Guests and Staff: Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent: Carolyn Penning

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

Minutes: Alicia Entinger made a motion to approve the minutes from September 9, 2025 and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the workshop minutes from October 1st, 2025 and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – All looked like normal transactions and no questions arose. Isaac Joens 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 – nothing to discuss.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – Steve plans to flush hydrants this week. Parks have been winterized. Al's Plumbing is ordering the parts needed for the boiler. Steve talked with Spencer at C&B and we should be getting a tractor soon and the rate to lease is the same as last year so on a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Isaac Joens it was duly passed to approve leasing a tractor from C&B for \$6,000.00 for 60hrs. Steve plans to discharge/pump the ponds beginning of November. Steve talked to the fence company and they do still plan to come and fix the fence yet this year just have been bust elsewhere. It was talked about in the past but Amber did ask the council if she could purchase a toner printer for the shop so Steve can print his documents there instead of needing to come to Amber's office – council was fine with this. Steve's laptop was starting to act up so Amber asked the Council if she should get quotes from our IT person and Council agreed so Amber will get those quotes and bring to next meeting. Carolyn had heard about some Cities doing an "Adopt a Gutter" program where if a resident has a gutter they can help out by keeping it clean of debris. Council thought that most residents already do this but maybe Amber can post something on Facebook or on the Utility billing to get word out. Electric Pump came and performed their annual service. Isaac Joens made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Not much to report. Karin the Grant Writer did need serial numbers from the equipment that was bought with the FEMA grant but Logan was working on that and once she has the info she will be able to close out that grant. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the Fire Department Report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: Amber gave the Clerk report – Amber was asked if the City would be willing to purchase a plot back from Linda Reasonover since Frenchie was cremated and she plans to be they will not need that extra plot so it would just sit empty. Council was fine with that so on a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to purchase back that plot. MN PEIP came out with their renewal rates for 2025 and no longer offer the Advantage plan so on a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to go with the High Option plan. The State of MN changed how often a City our size needs to have an audit which is now every 5 years. Kinner & Co is still offering to help with the Financial Statements for the City on an annual basis which will save time and money when the actual audit needs to be

done. Amber did ask the Council to approve working with Kinner & Co as she feels it will be a good checks and balance to make sure she is still doing things correctly on the financial side. On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to have Kinner & Co help with the Financial Statements annually. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Isaac Joens. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2025-13 Accepting donation for the Fire Department, all in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve the new Liquor License for Suppe Saloon LLC which will still be DBA Wilmont Saloon #7.

Amber had gotten all the quotes back from the Tree Companies which quotes 106 trees to be removed with dirt, stump grindings, etc. included. Council looked them all over and on a motion by Isaac Joens and seconded by Alicia Entinger the Council gave the bid to AJ's Tree Service – prices were all close and the City has worked with Andy before and he is local. All in favor, motion carried. Amber will finish filling out the Grant and get that sent in by the deadline. City will not hear anything until middle of December.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve the updated permit for Joens Woodworking. All in favor, motion carried.

Amber did have some personal issues she wanted to discuss with the Council so on a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to close the meeting at 6:59 pm. No motions or anything were needed during the closed portion of the meeting. On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to open meeting back up at 7:30 pm.

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 – Nothing has been heard back from the Church, will leave on agenda until final decision is made.

There being no further business, Alicia Entinger made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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