

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
April 15, 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, Alicia Entinger & Mayor Josh Balster

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

Absent: Isaac Joens

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

Minutes: Carolyn Penning made a motion to approve the minutes from March 11, 2026 and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. 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. Alicia Entinger 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 will be at training on May 5th & 6th for water/wastewater. Steve is currently on part-time hours yet from his surgery and will be going back to the doctor on 4/16 and will get an updated doctors note for limitations. Water treatment building is leaking and Steve thinks it is from the back wall. Council told Steve to get a bid to have it painted and caulked or a bid to just put up steel – this is tabled until next month. Josh had checked with the County to see who they used for crack filling and they had sent over Walt from Lot Pros Inc and he did get us an estimate but the Council when looking over had questions on if it included the grinding and also why the Ave estimates were less than the Streets so Amber said she will reach out to them to see if they can give more info (they are not fast at responding but will try to have for next meeting). Amber also mentioned that since the project is most likely going to be over \$25,000 we will need to get 2 more bids from different companies before deciding on who to go with. Council told Steve to get those and Amber will talk to Lot Pros – tabled until next month. Justin Ahlers came and tried to jet out the system but it looks like there were a couple spots that will need to be fixed. Council asked if he got an estimate to fix and he did not so told him to get that before any decisions can be made – tabled until next month. Steve brought up the dead trees at the park – some of them look like they could fall over at anytime. Council asked if Steve got estimates to remove them and he did not and Council told him to get some as they are a liability issue and tabled until next month. Question arose from some residents about the street sweeper that they saw in town – County was here to sweep Main Street (they were using City of Worthington's machine) and they had a little extra time so volunteered to help sweep some of our streets. Andrew Blank from Nobles Rock Corrections had emailed Steve and cc'd Amber and stated that he is no longer going to help clean the street gutters/curbs – they helped in the past but thought it was a one time thing to get caught back up but stated that he can't get anyone willing to come and do that kind of work and no other town has ever even asked them to do something like that. Andrew said he is still willing to help with weed wacking the ponds even though we are the only ones who don't do it ourselves and they will of course come help with sticks and things like that when the schedule allows for it. Josh Balster & Tom Slater helped during the last snow storm due to Steve being out from shoulder surgery. Amber wanted to know what the Council wanted to pay them (would be paid to the business – Slater Construction & Josh Balster Construction). On a motion by Carolyn Penning and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to pay \$30/hr, all in favor, motion carried. Tom Slater made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Logan Neyens gave the report – Tanker truck is up and running. Fundraiser went really well. Fire Department did decide to purchase Edgerton’s Ambulance which will be paid for all from the Fire Relief. The current Rescue Truck will need to be sold. Amber asked to do some research on how it can be sold along with who it can be sold to – will depend on value of the vehicle. Logan was fine with this and Amber once she knows will let him know the info. Logan has been working on an Attendance Policy for the Fire Department and asked that the Council look it over. Council didn’t see any issues with it and Amber will get it added to the Personnel Policy since there isn’t a specific spot for Firefighters. Logan was wanting to bring it up at next meeting so on a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to approve the Attendance policy for the Fire Department. Amber will work on getting it placed in the personnel policy and will have a motion for that at a different time. It was brought to attention that the Fire Department may want to have their own card for fuel and some smaller purchases so individuals don’t have to request reimbursement. Council discussed along with Logan and liked the idea so a resolution was done (see below in minutes). Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the Fire Department Report and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: Amber gave the Clerk report – Amber brought up to the Council that she would like to have someone come in and do a more deep cleaning of the Community Center. Amber had gotten a quote from Pristine Cleaning and they were \$50/hr per cleaner – usually 1-2 but no more than 3 people clean. Council liked the idea but wanted it more as an “as needed” then a set date since Steve does clean the Community Center. On a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to allow Amber to hire Pristine Cleaning on an as needed basis and will leave the scheduling up to Amber, all in favor, motion carried. On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report, all in favor, motion carried.

Amber had received Fire Department donations one being from Geronimo Power for \$2,000.00 and some of the Council didn’t want to accept the donation as they are against what Geronimo stands for and the Data Storage Center. Amber wasn’t sure on the process so will look into it and will table until next month.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2026-06 Declaring Excess Property for the Fire Department, all in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Carolyn Penning it was duly passed to approve Resolution 2026-07 for a Fire Department Credit Card. The card will have a limit of \$2,500.00. Logan understands that when the card is used receipts must be kept and given to Amber to match up to the statement. 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 – Just waiting on the Church

Fence to be fixed at pond – Nothing has been heard and Steve has not checked back with them. Josh told Steve he needs to be calling weekly if not daily until it gets fixed.

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

There being no further business, Carolyn Penning made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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