

City of Wilmont
Regular Council Meeting
August 13, 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 & Mayor Josh Balster

Guests and Staff: Mark Slater, Alan Balster, Deputies Nelson & Ricardo, Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent: Carolyn Penning & Isaac Joens

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

Minutes: Alicia Entinger made a motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2025 and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Treasurers Report: Amber Bertrand presented the treasurers report – All looked like normal transactions and no questions arose. Tom Slater 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 Alicia Entinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nobles County Sheriff Report: Deputy Nelson was here along with a new Deputy. The City didn't really have anything for them and they said that things have been going good. A small discussion was brought up about electric bikes and scooters and what the rules are on them but nothing is really set in stone due to it not really falling under a certain classification. On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve the Sheriff Report, all in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Steve Joens gave the report – A bypass for the sewer lift station had to be done due to the heavy rains as Steve didn't want any basements to back up so he did let the State know and we will get a letter of warning when they do their permit reports. Lorretta from the County is looking into how the drainage is working/not working in the City as they have tile going through town as well. Steve did take three trees down from the park so far and he reached out to AJ Tree Service to get a quote for some other trees. Alicia had someone ask her about any grants that may be around to help with removal of all Ash Trees in town and Amber said she would check around with the League to see if they know of any. Painting still needs to be done at the ballfield – building, posts, etc. along with fixing the fence and staining the playground equipment before it rots. Alicia again said that the Booster Club will purchase the paint needed & that the City just needs to find someone to do the actual painting. Amber said she can post something on Facebook to see who in this area actually does that type of painting and of course would need to be someone who has their own insurance coverage. It was mentioned that maybe the Adrian Summer Rec would want to use our field more in the summer so Amber will reach out to the Summer Rec person and see if they would be interested in adding Wilmont to the schedule. If they do we would just need to get a new chalk machine as the current one doesn't work and then more discussion on who would get the field ready for use would happen if field gets used more. Amber had someone mention that the park bathrooms need to have hand rails installed as there are some who are unable to get back up due to not having any there. Chandler Coop sent a reminder to renew the 25/26 Propane Contract. Amber said that we used almost what we contracted last year when they did the summer fill so on a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to go with the same amount that we contract last year which was 4,000 gallons at \$1.50 if PIF, all in favor, motion carried. Tom mentioned that the gravel road by Schuett Auto needs to be filled as the potholes are getting out of hand. Tom also mentioned that he noticed an area of street that is also caving in so Steve will need to look into that so it can get fixed before it gets worse. Steve plans to be gone Sept 24-27. Alicia Entinger made motion to approve the maintenance report and was seconded by Tom Slater. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Working on the truck yet to get it completed for use. They did help with Ribs & Rims in Adrian and got a check around \$5,000 from that. Alicia did ask how the process for the applications was going and Amber explained that she got some info but now she needs to sit down with Logan to get a policy in place and is just waiting to hear back from him on a good time to do that. 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 – The County plans to sell the Stewart house in September – the way they have to do the sale has changed so the first sale is a estimated market value price and if not sold then after 30 days they can sell it at a low-bid which is the amount that is owed to the County for taxes, assessments, etc. Nothing the City needs to do but Amber just wanted them aware of it. Amber is also trying to see if there are any Attorney's that would be willing to take a new city on as our current attorney hasn't gotten back to Amber from a question back in May. Amber does plan to be gone at the end of August over Labor Day. Tom Slater made motion to approve the Clerks Report and was seconded by Alicia Entinger All in favor. Motion carried.

Budget – Amber put on agenda for Council to think on as they will need to set the Preliminary next month.

On a motion by Alicia Entinger and seconded by Tom Slater it was duly passed to approve the permit from Schuett Auto Body for a shop addition, 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.

Amber did send off the Ordinance for Chickens to Travis Smith, City Attorney and is just waiting for a response. Amber has tried emailing and calling but no response yet – she will keep trying.

Cemetery Land – Mark Slater & Alan Balster were back & everyone that had purchased a plot in the area the Church was looking to buy was ok with being on the Catholic side if we sold the land to them. The Council discussed and the area would be the Southwest side heading East up to the Bell which would be around 8 lots or 0.2 acres of land. The Church stated that they would be willing to pay for the survey that would need to be done to get the exact area of land. Steve Joens did mention that the Church would also want to purchase part of the road so they would have access via a road to those graves. Steve will go and mark the area that the Council is planning on selling to them so they can get a better idea as well. On a motion by Tom Slater and seconded by Alicia Entinger it was duly passed to sell that area of land discussed to the Church and to use the value of \$15,000/acre. Mark & Alan will bring back this information to Father and if they decide to go ahead with the land purchase they will let the City Council know.

There being no further business, Tom Slater made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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