

City of Wilmont
Workshop Meeting
October 1st, 2025

The workshop meeting was called to order by Mayor, Josh Balster at 7:30 pm in the Wilmont Community Center, 316 4th Avenue. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Present: Alicia Entinger, Tom Slater, Isaac Joens, Carolyn Penning & Mayor Josh Balster

Guests and Staff: Amber Bertrand & Steve Joens

Absent:

The Council met to discuss the Ash Tree Grant that the City is trying to apply for. The original cutoff date was October 13th but per the website that has been extended to October 27th which does give Steve and Amber more time to get things together. Steve did initially go around to mark Ash Trees and came up with 57 but when Council members looked around at what was marked it was noticed that quite a few were missed so Issac did go around and mark the other trees and Tom did look around as well. We got 2 bids but only for the smaller amount of trees so Steve will need to reach out to Tree Tech to give them updated information. Since Amber was working with Jason Lohr she will let him know. Scott Olson had originally been the one asked but he declined the job but did give Amber's info to Jason who does a lot of City tree removals. Steve will need to reach out to AJ Tree Service as well to get them the list. Amber said that she is needing budgeted items yet and Steve is talking to someone from Lakefield who has a tree nursery and will get the other costs to Amber. Council talked more on what we would want done with the trees as our dump is not big enough to handle that many. We would need a spot to store if Steve has to burn them or we will see if it is possible to have whichever tree company that wins the bid haul them elsewhere. Since we have more time and the next meeting is before application deadline Council will wait to make any motions until we have the new bids from AJ Tree Service, Tree Tech and Jason Lohr Tree Service.

There being no further business, Isaac Joens made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Bertrand, City Clerk

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