

## City Council Meeting February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in council chambers. Mayor Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Max Allen, Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, Neil Van Boening, and City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, The Arbor State Pharmacy, and the City Office. Notice was given to the Mayor and Council and their acknowledgement of receipt is attached. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve claims and payroll, except checks #26407 & #26416. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve check #26407. Motion carried 3-0; Max abstained.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve check #26416. Motion carried 3-0; Neil abstained.

Public Comment: Neil mentioned that the city staff had put on a nice community coffee last month. The community members enjoyed getting a chance to talk with staff and the city guys. He appreciates the positive public relations the staff do for the city.

Andy said that he will be filing against the owners of the Gambles building by the end of the week. No other updates on dilapidated properties.

Judy Henrichs was present to ask if the community center kitchen could be used to host a small number of community coffees between now and June, as the room often used at Park Lodge will be under construction. She said that she would contact Lila to make sure that the dates she is needing a location do not interfere with any events that have been booked at the community center. The host will provide all supplies and do all cleanup. If the community center is booked, she will look at using a local church as a backup location. Motion by Sue, second by Max, to wave fees on community center kitchen rental for use during community coffee events on Fridays, from 10am-11am, between now and June, while construction is being done to park lodge community room, as long as it doesn't conflict with an event previously scheduled. Motion carried 4-0.

James Ullman was present representing J&M Liquor. He was requesting approval to apply for an SDL for an event to be held at J&M Liquor on Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup> during Sam Wymore Days. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve J&M Liquor to apply for an SDL, for Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 12pm-1am. Motion carried 4-0.

Terex provided a new invoice to the City for work done on the bucket truck that they were unable to repair completely. They are willing to wave the labor costs if City will pay for parts. Motion by Max, second by Neil, to approve paying Terex \$1,582.66 for repairs on the bucket truck. Motion carried 4-0.

Council discussed Ordinance 670, creating a police department committee. It was decided that council will not wave the three readings of the Ordinance, so the public has more time to share their thoughts and questions with council members. Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve Ordinance 670, creating a police department committee. Motion carried 4-0. Another reading of ordinance 670 will take place at the next meeting.

At previous meeting, discussion was held on the fire department billing for fire calls, when covered under home owner's insurance policy. Andy gathered some rate lists and shared them with Mark. He suggests that council include this on the fees list and update annually. Andy will have an ordinance prepared for the next meeting to adopt a current fees list, to include fire and EMS rates.

Discussion held on Ordinance 671, to set wage ranges and wage increases after earning new certifications. Motion by Max, second by Sue, to amend Ordinance 671 to include language in Section 2 to state compensation can change by .25 per certification achieved. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by max, second by Curt to wave the required three readings of Ordinance 671. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve Ordinance 671. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meints provided a list of fire department members who met the requirements to receive the annual tax incentive. Over half of fire department members are eligible.

Clark McMurray was present with an EMS update regarding the use of the I am Responding app. They have been participating in a 90 day trial and as a department have voted to use I am Responding in place of Page My cell. Clark shared some of the positives they have noticed with council and ran through the pricing/contract options. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve subscription agreement for Wymore EMS and I am Responding for one year, at the cost of \$860. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Neil to approve Resolution 2023-02 to authorize membership in LIGHT insurance program. Motion carried 4-0.

RESOLUTIONS 2023-02 To Authorize Membership in the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT) WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to enter into the League Insurance Government Health Team Interlocal Agreement (the "Interlocal Agreement") attached hereto. RESOLVED, that the Municipality approves and enters into the Interlocal Agreement and authorizes the Clerk of the Municipality to execute the Interlocal Agreement. RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Municipality approves the attached League Insurance Government Health Team Membership Agreement (the "Membership Agreement") and authorizes the Clerk of the Municipality to execute the Membership Agreement. RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Municipality authorizes and directs the Clerk of the Municipality to execute such documents and take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the Municipality's membership in LIGHT and to obtain coverage for Municipal employees through the LIGHT Member Health Plan. Passed and approved this 1st day of February, 2023.

Discussion held on the brush pile. Chipping of the pile has been completed, however the current location is no longer open to the public. A temporary location is being considered, but steps to find a permanent location are still being taken. Motion by Sue, second by Neil to approve Tim applying for a burn permit from NDEE for the city owned property on 1<sup>st</sup> street, that could possibly serve as a temporary location. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim provided council with the engineer quote for the water project. This would replace water mains from C St-M St along 11<sup>th</sup>, down to 10<sup>th</sup>, and back to C St. ARPA funds will be used and Tim suggests the City also apply for a SRF loan. Currently high forgiveness rates are being offered on SRF loans. Tim will begin the paperwork.

The rodeo concession stand is in dilapidated condition and there is no longer a rodeo association who is taking responsibility for it. Andy states it is City owned property and if it is in a state of disrepair, the City can take whatever steps necessary. Demolition of the concession stand has been discussed in the past. Since it is city property, it can be taken down.

Motion by Sue, second by Max to adjourn at 8:27 PM.