

City Council Meeting February 15th, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on Wednesday February 15th, 2023 in council chambers. Mayor Meints called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Present were councilpersons Neil Van Boening, Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, and City Attorney Andy Carothers. Councilperson Max Allen joined the meeting at 8:10 PM. Notice of the meeting was given by posting in three places; Wymore Post Office, 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 Sue, second by Neil to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve claims and payroll. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Curt, second by Sue to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried 3-0.

No public comments

Julia Hales from Gworks provided a Front Desk presentation to council members via Google Meet. The City's utility billing and payment software, Gworks, has started offering a new cloud based module which would allow for online payments, credit card payments, and auto pay if customers sign up for an account. Julia discussed the benefits of the program and answered questions the council had. At this time the presentation was for informational purposes only. No action was discussed or taken.

James Ullman was present, representing J&M Liquor to request permission to apply for an SDL for the alumni banquet being held on May 27th from 5-9 PM at the community center. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve J&M to apply for an SDL for May 27th 5-9PM. Motion carried 3-0

J&M also requested permission to apply for an SDL for a Labor Day Event on Sunday September 3, 2023 from 12 PM-1AM at the Liquor Store. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve J&M to apply for an SDL for an event to be held at J&M Liquor Store on Sunday September 3, 2023 from 12 PM-1AM. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Curt, second by Sue for Andy to read, for the second time, Ordinance #670 to form a law enforcement committee. Motion carried 4-0.

Mona Shively was not in attendance to discuss the Park Lodge fee for multiple sewer taps. Collin had spoken with Samantha Thompson who is on the housing authority and she stated that they are planning to look through old minutes to see if there was ever an agreement in place on how Park Lodge would be billed. No discussion or action taken on this item.

NDEE has given approval for a burn permit, at a possible temporary location, for a brush pile. However, there is work to be done to prepare the site to be used for a brush pile, so it is not open at this time. Collin advised that leaves and grass clippings can continue to be dumped in the same site, as that is city owned property.

EMS Chief Shawna Argo was present and shared with council that they were notified, on February 6th, that they received a \$75,000 grant of ARPA funds to go towards the purchase of a new ambulance. Delivery of the ambulance must take place on or before September 30, 2026. Shawna was requesting council approval to accept grant and consideration and approval of a purchase agreement for a new

ambulance. Lengthy discussion followed, and it was suggested that EMS research other possible grants to help cover the remaining expense of a new ambulance. Motion by Curt, second by Sue to accept \$75,000 grant from DHHS. Motion carried 4-0. No action taken on approval of a purchase agreement.

Fire Chief Mark Meints was present to ask for approval for himself and Collin Meints to attend the Regional Wildland Symposium in Rapid City, SD. They have received a \$600 grant to help cover expenses and the Rural Fire Board has approved splitting the remaining cost with the city 50-50. Motion by Sue, second by Neil to approve Mark and Collin to attend the Regional Wildland Symposium in Rapid City, SD March 17th-18th, with reimbursement for half of fuel costs, three nights hotel, meals that aren't provided, and registration costs. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Neil to accept resignation of Landon Dahlkoetter from the Fire Department. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve Melissa to give approval to One Billing Solution via telephone for an ACH payment of \$688 for Medicare Revalidation fee. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to go into executive session, for personnel matters, for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion carried 4-0. Council went into executive session at 8:56 PM. They came out of executive session at 9:46 PM.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 9:47 PM.

Collin Meints, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk