

## City Council Meeting July 19, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on Wednesday July 19, 2023 in council chambers. Mayor Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Max Allen, Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening, as well as City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given by posting in three places, the Wymore Post Office, Arbor State Pharmacy, and the City Office. Notice was given to the Mayor and Council and their acknowledgment of receipt is attached. All proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

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

Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve claims and payroll. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve checks #27067 & #27123. Motion carried 3-0, with Max abstaining.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve check #27080. Motion carried 3-0, with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve treasure's report. Motion carried 4-0.

There was no public comment.

At the last council meeting it was requested that council consider other options, if possible, on approving payroll checks for staff members who have a spouse on city council. If one council member is missing the week those payroll checks need to be approved, there are not enough votes for approval and then those staff members must wait until the next meeting for their checks to be approved. Andy researched the topic and was informed the way it is currently being done is the correct way. Brief discussion was held, no anticipated changes at this time.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to accept the resignation of Jorden Schachtschabel from Wymore EMS. Motion carried 4-0.

Janet provided everyone with a copy of the current personnel handbook. After some changes in insurance benefits last year, it was decided the handbook should be reviewed for necessary updates. Council members will review the handbook and some notes provided by Janet. This topic will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Tim presented the previous 1 and 6 year plan and discussed completion of most recent street projects. Tim presented a recommended list of possible future projects and council gave their suggestion for which streets should be a priority for the next 1-year plan. Discussion held on which projects should be a priority and the possibility of applying for another CDBG-street grant. The 1-year plan will be added to the next agenda. Motion by Max, second by Neil to approve moving forward with the application for the CDBG grant and to allow the Mayor and Clerk to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried 4-0.

Andy provided a copy of the contract for our new Chief of Police candidate. Council members looked it over and some discussion was held to clarify a couple items. Mark stated that if the Chief candidate is appointed and accepts the position, he will likely be able to take the management class offered at the NLETC in October. Mark and Andy will get together this week to review the contract compared with the police handbook and clean up anything else that is needed, prior to the Mayor presenting it to the Chief candidate.

Mark presented two applications for new members of the fire department. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Bryan Heckman and Saul Garcia as new members of the Fire Department. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim gave an update on the downtown street project. New streetlights have arrived and have been inspected. He is hopeful installation can begin next week. Mayor and council members expressed their appreciation for the project and how downtown is looking.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 8:11 PM.

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Colin Meints, Mayor

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Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk