

## City Council Meeting June 7, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on June 7, 2023, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council members Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, Neil Van Boening and Max Allen. City Attorney Andy Carothers was not in attendance. Notice of the meeting was given in advance 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 Max, seconded by Neil to approve the minutes from May 17, 2023. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve Claims and Payroll with the exception of checks #26894, 26909, and 26955. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve checks # 26894 and 26955. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check # 263909. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve the April 2023 Treasurers Report.

**Public Comment:** Roy Lauby updated the Council on the improvements made by the Blue Springs Ball Diamond Association to the fields in Blue Springs. They have added playground equipment, air conditioning to the concession stand, and a shelter. They are in the process of completing a new pitching area with Astro turf from the Memorial Stadium and enclosed with netting. Max asked if the insurance had been updated. Roy needs to get valuation to the City Clerk, so it can be updated.

Tim Sedlacek updated the Council on the downtown street project. He stated that Tiemann Construction would clean up 7<sup>th</sup> between D and E streets by Friday for the Sam Wymore Days Parade. The Fire Department is out washing the area between E and F street. The sidewalk in front of the Anthony Thomas building is on hold until the structure is sound. Anthony has received approval for TIF funding for his part of the sidewalk.

### **Business:**

There was discussion about the downtown siren. Eric Hagood had his neighbors sign a written complaint about the blowing of the siren 4 times a day. No other complaints were received, except the ones that signed the original complaint. The council had spoken to many people in favor of keeping the siren as is. The council consensus was to leave it as is. No motion was made.

There was discussion about waiving the fee for the McCandless park concession stand during baseball games. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to waive the rental fee for the McCandless Park Concession Stand for all future baseball games. Motion carried 4-0.

The Sam Wymore Days Committee requested permission to add an endorsement to the City's insurance for inflatables during Sam Wymore Days. Motion by Max seconded by Neil to add an endorsement to the City's LARM Insurance for the inflatables during Sam Wymore Days at the expense of the Sam Wymore Days Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

The topic of the flack vest sold to the Valley Police Department was discussed. There has been no payment made to the City of Wymore. The City Clerk had invoiced the Valley Police Department and received an email from the Valley Police Chief Stating the City of Valley had paid Officer Willmann for his equipment. Officer Willmann has asked for a payment plan. Mark

Meints stated the vest cannot be sold to an individual without putting it out for bids. It was the consensus of the Council to turn the matter over to the City Attorney Andy Carothers.

Austin Jackson was present to request more money for the Library budget as due to unforeseen circumstances the library is likely to go over budget in a couple of areas. The newsletter is quite popular and has grown to 16-20 pages. He also prints many copies by request for a free will donation. Neil asked about doing advertisements. Austin stated he had looked into that and only found one with interest so far. Austin stated he would also go over in the telephone line item due to the internet service costing more in equipment and service charges than expected. Austin was asked to do what he can to curb the cost of the newsletter and address it at budget time. No action was taken at this time.

Tony Shepardson turned in his resignation. Tim Sedlacek stated he was going to a position that pays more but has offered to still help out if the need arises in an on call capacity. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to reluctantly accept the resignation of Tony Shepardson from the city crew. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve calling Tony in for emergencies.

Discussion was held about the street closure for Sam Wymore Days, due to relocating some of the block party. The street closure in question was already approved. Tim also asked for permission to use the generator as needed. The council agreed by consensus.

Tim Sedlacek asked for permission to have a company come in to pick up old tires that have been collected over the past couple of years. They are mostly from properties the city has demolished. There is no county wide amnesty scheduled at this time. The cost of having them picked up will be lower than taking them to Beatrice Solid Waste for disposal. The council gave approval by consensus.

Motion by Sue to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Collin Meints/Mayor

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Janet Riensche/City Clerk