

City Council Meeting March 15, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on Wednesday March 15, 2023 in council chambers. Mayor Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Max Allen, Neil Van Boening, Sue Sapp, and Curt Oblinger as well as City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given by posting in three places, the 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 were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

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

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve claims & payroll. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Public comment: Mark Meints spoke as Interim Police Chief, he reached out to Beatrice Animal Hospital and set up the annual dog clinic for Friday April 14th from 4-7 PM at the Park House in Arbor State Park. He will get fliers made with pricing and get them distributed.

Kyle Ames was present to ask for permission to serve alcohol at the community center during a private event on April 1st. Motion by Max, second by Curt to allow for serving of alcohol, at a cornhole tournament at the community center, including the beer garden, on April 1st from 11 AM to 8PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Tony and Dean from HBE were present to share with council their findings from the annual City audit. They provided reports for council members and discussed the results. They included some recommendations and will follow up on those at the next audit. Melissa will also be meeting with Dean to review some processes and procedures. Motion by Max, second by Neil to accept the HBE audit for FY 2021-2022. Motion carried 4-0.

City wide cleanup has been set for April 24th-25th from 8 am-7pm both days. It will be held at Arbor State Park. Tim will be creating fliers that will be distributed and hung up around town stating the items they will accept.

Members of the Sam Wymore Days Committee asked for council to approve free admission to the Wymore Swimming Pool on Sat June 10th, 2023 and to consider approving a firework show, if the committee can raise enough funds for it. The committee is looking into someone licensed to put on firework displays and has received a possible quote. Motion by Max, second by Neil to allow for free admissions to the swimming pool on Saturday June 10th during regular pool business hours and a firework display is approved, pending it is put on by a licensed outside individual that would be responsible for holding proper permits and putting on the display. Motion carried 4-0.

Andy provided a copy of Ordinance 672, which would update the city's fees list. Some discussion followed and some changes were made and items added if they had been left off. Andy will update and have final copy for approval at the next meeting.

Blue River Area Agency on Aging had sent an email requesting confirmation of continued financial support of their programs during the next fiscal year. They did let us know there would be a 10% increase in the requested support. Discussion followed on the benefits of having the Handi-van in town as well as Senior Diners and Meals on Wheels. Motion by Max, second by Sue to continue with the

requested financial support commitment for Blue River Area Agency on Aging for next year. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim informed council that Johnson Services is in town checking sewer lines. Tim knows there are two lines for sure that need to be lined. Council is in agreement that those two should be done first and as long as it falls into his budget and works for Johnson they could do a couple more while they are in town.

A total of seven people reached out to the mayor, a councilperson, or the city office to express an interest in being on the newly formed law enforcement committee. Council members and the Mayor expressed their appreciation that so many are willing to take it on. During the discussion prior to approving the members, a member of the public in attendance put forth Tony Shepardson's name as a possible member, due to his history of law enforcement work. Tony Shepardson was present at the meeting and when asked by the Mayor if he would be interested he stated he was. Council members and Mayor are in agreement they would like to see Ordinance 670 amended at the next meeting to allow for a larger number of committee members. That topic will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor Meints nominated Jeff Spier, Kelly Garcia, Bryan Davidson, Jeff VanWinkle, Lisa Munstermann, Jacque Borzekofski, Tony Shepardson, Krystal Rutti and council representative Neil Van Boening, to be on the law enforcement committee. Interim Chief Meints will be a non voting member of the committee as well. Motion by Max, second by Sue to move forward with the members that Mayor Meints nominated and amend Ordinance 670 at the next meeting to adopt this number of committee members. Motion carried 4-0.

Shawna Argo, EMS Chief was present to request approval to purchase Pedi-Mate, scoop stretcher, and battery powered stair chair. Anticipated costs for the Pedi-Mate and scoop stretcher is approximately \$1600 and the Stair Chair will be approximately \$9,000. Shawna and Max explained they had seen these items demonstrated at a recent conference and were able to test them out as well. They explained possible benefits to council for patients as well as volunteers. Tim suggested they also see if the company is part of Sourcewell, as we may qualify for additional discounts. Items have been budgeted for and council is in agreement of purchase.

Shawna also wanted to discuss options with council regarding their mail and making sure it is kept private in line with HIPPA policy and also EMS' ability to apply for grants/hosts fundraisers. At this time it was decided that the mail will continue to come to the office and will be kept in a file in the vault until an EMS member picks it up. Council encouraged EMS to continue looking for grants to help with the future purchase of an ambulance but did explain that it is good practice and expected for any city group applying for a grant, to inform council of intentions to do so prior to applying.

The fire department recently got a quote from Nick Parde to pave the east portion of their parking lot north of the building. It tends to get very muddy and messy after rain or snow and there isn't currently a marked handicap parking spot. After discussion on the topic council encouraged the fire department to look for possible grants that could help cover the expense. No action taken on the topic.

Tim brought forward the idea of using city owned land, in Blue Springs just south of the Saunders and Cherry intersection, for a new brush pile. The new brush pile will be used by both Wymore and Blue Springs. The area will be fenced and possibly gated and although residents will have to travel to Blue Springs, which might not be ideal, council members are hopeful that community members will respect the privilege of having a free place to dump brush. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve location of burn pile in Blue Springs, just south of the intersection of Saunders and Cherry, with the area to be

fenced and gated, and for Andy to draw up an interlocal agreement between the communities for the joint effort of the burn pile. Motion carried 4-0.

Mike Pike contacted Mayor Meints last week. He is wanting to put a new AC unit in his downtown building, with the outside unit sitting on the city owned property south of his building behind the fence. Council members wondered if Mike would be willing to lease the property for a nominal fee/mowing. Motion by Max, second by Sue, for Collin to propose lease to Mike Pike for property south of his building downtown and Andy to draft contract. Motion carried 4-0.

Kevin Sturm reached out to Collin and expressed interest in being on park board. Collin also had someone suggest Jessica Perett. Two other community members were interested but they both are on the law enforcement committee. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to appoint Jessica Perett and Kevin Sturm, as nominated by Mayor Meints, to the park board. Motion carried 4-0.

Collin stated there is still one position to be filled on the board of adjustments. Collin asked Jeff Argo if he would be interested in filling it and he agreed. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Jeff Argo, as nominated by mayor Meints to the board of adjustments. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Max, second by Sue, to go into executive session-police personnel, for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, at 9:54 PM. Council came out of executive session at 10:26 PM. Motion by Sue to adjourn at 10:28 PM.

Collin Meints, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk