

City Council Meeting May 3, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on Wednesday May 3, 2023 in council chambers. Mayor Meints called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Present were councilpersons Max Allen, Curt Oblinger, Neil Van Boening and City Attorney Andy Carothers. Councilperson Sue Sapp was absent from the meeting. 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 Neil, second by Curt to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve claims and payroll, except checks #26786 & #26794. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, second by Curt to table approval of checks #26786 & #26794 until the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

No public comment.

Michelle Cresse was present to ask for council approval to teach swim lessons at the Wymore Aquatic Center this summer. She also provided council an hourly wage proposal for those lifeguards willing to help teach swim lessons. Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve Michelle Cresse to teach swim lessons at the Wymore Aquatic Center from June 19-23 and June 26-30 and to approve proposed lifeguard pay, to include their base pay plus \$1 while teaching swim lessons and a .50 increase each returning year they help with swim lessons. Motion carried 3-0.

Andy provided council members with a draft of a new vacation policy after discussion that took place at last meeting. The City can no longer have a 'use it or lose it' vacation policy, as vacation time is earned. The drafted policy would allow for city employees to carry over up to one half of the time they earn annually with the amount of time capped depending on years of employment. The employees could also request being paid for their vacation time if they are not going to use it or cannot roll it over due to being too close to maximum number of allowed vacation hours. It was determined more discussion should take place. Motion by Neil, second by Max to table topic until next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim is still waiting to get official quotes on microphones and speakers for the council chambers. This topic will go back on the agenda when he has official quotes to share with council.

Little League baseball has requested permission to shut down some streets around the McCandless baseball field when they are hosting home games. Motion by max, second by Neil to allow street closures on G St from 13th-14th and portion of 13th street from G St. to F St, when and if needed during Little League baseball games. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim provided an update on the downtown street project. Currently project is about a week behind due to water leaks, which have now been repaired. There could be some delays as there is a delay in getting storm drain covers. Tim will keep council updated as the project moves forward.

Eric Hagood was in attendance. He recently filled out a complaint form, regarding the semi traffic through his alley and the sirens that go off in town during the day. He shared his concerns with council

regarding heavy traffic, including semis and heavy equipment traveling through his alley. He would also like council to re-visit discussions on the siren that goes off during the day. Council members asked Tim to take a look at the alley and bring any recommendations he may have to council. However, it was noted at this time there is no budget or plan for any work to be done on the alley. Eric has requested to be added to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the siren and council encouraged him to have his neighbors attend as well, if they have concerns.

Mark presented council members with an estimate from Shelley Enterprises to paint the exterior of the fire department. Mark says the owner of the business, Larry Shelley, has painted other metal buildings with success in the past. Mark asked if the project could be paid for out of city TIF funds. Council members thought that could be considered and asked Andy to confirm with the TIF lawyers if that would be acceptable. Topic will be discussed at a later date.

Tim asked council if they would like to approve the City of Beatrice to do mosquito spraying in Wymore again this summer. When they are spraying in Beatrice they will come down and do our area at the same time. Motion by Max, second by Curt to continue having Beatrice spray for mosquitos. Motion carried 3-0.

When the street project is nearing completion downtown a professional painter will be coming in to repaint all parking lines, curbs, handicap spots, etc. Tim suggested to council that if they would like to consider or discuss changing any parking downtown those conversations should take place prior to the project wrapping up. He provided an overhead picture of a nearby town that has center parallel parking, rather than center angled parking. Diane Creek was present and as a business owner she would like the angled parking to stay. Council members feel this is an important discussion to continue and would like to see it on an agenda as the project nears completion. Motion by Max, second by Curt to table this discussion, until a later date when the project is closer to completion, so the public can participate. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, second by Curt, to go into executive session, for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, to discuss litigation. Motion carried 3-0. Council came out of executive session at 9:12 PM.

Motion by Max, second by Curt, to go into executive session, for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, to discuss police department matters. Motion carried 3-0. Council came out of executive session at 10:07 PM.

Motion by Max to adjourn at 10:08 PM.

Collin Meints, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk