

City Council Meeting September 6, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on Wednesday September 6, 2023 in council chambers. Mayor Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Sue Sapp, Neil Van Boening, Curt Oblinger, and Max Allen, along with 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 acknowledgement of receipt is attached. All proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

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

Motion by Max, second by Neil to approve claims and payroll, except checks #27379, 27386, & 27390. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Neil to approve issuing a corrected payroll check for Chief Martinez for the contracted salary amount. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Neil, second by Curt to approve check #27379. Motion carried 3-0, with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve check #27386. Motion carried 3-0, with Neil abstaining.

Erica Morris was in attendance. She is hosting a fundraiser at the Community Center on October 14th and requested permission from council to serve alcohol, with J&M Liquor in charge of serving. She said if it doesn't work for J&M's schedule to come serve, they will not have alcohol at the event. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Erica Morris to have alcohol, served by J&M Liquor, at the community center on October 14th, from 5PM-12AM, no beer garden in use. Motion carried 4-0.

Janice & Kirby Cohorst were in attendance. Janice wanted to give council an update on the visitors we hosted during the North American Festival of Wales event. There were visitors to Wymore throughout the week, with the largest group of 105 visitors who came through on Thursday. Visitors came from all over the United States, Canada, and Wales. While in town they visited the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Museum, the Bethel Cemetery, and the one room schoolhouse in McCandless Park, and then enjoyed a lunch put on by local volunteers. Janice said herself and other volunteers heard very positive feedback about our community from those visiting.

Anthony Troxel was in attendance along with Amanda Jarchow. Wymore EMS is seeking approval, from the council, of Amanda as a new member. She is a current EMT in KS and works for the hospital in Marysville. Max asked when she would be available to answer calls, Amanda stated any night she isn't on call at the hospital, and she is checking into what it will take to switch her EMS license to NE. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Amanda as a member of Wymore EMS.

Andy will need a list of all surplus equipment from department heads so he can draft a resolution for the Purple Wave auction. Topic will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Janet provided a copy of notes she took when reaching out to auditors. Only one proposal has come in at this time. Council would like Janet to follow up with the auditors who stated they would be interested in sending a proposal and add the topic to the next agenda.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to leave the levy the same for the next fiscal year. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim spoke with Sapp Bros regarding a fuel contract for the upcoming fiscal year. They would like him to reach out again prior to the next meeting, in hopes that they can get us a better fuel price at that time.

Motion by Max, second by Neil to approve Tim to attend Asbestos Inspector Training on Thursday September 29th, at a cost of \$175. Motion carried 4-0.

Chief Martinez let council members know that the vest issues discussed at the last meeting have been resolved.

Motion by Sue to adjourn meeting at 8:06 PM.

Collin Meints, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk