

City Council Meeting April 6, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on April 6, 2022 in council chambers. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Neil VanBoening, Curt Oblinger, Max Allen, and Sue Sapp as well as City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given 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 is attached. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

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

Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve claims and payroll, excepts checks 25145, 25184, & 25187. motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve checks 25145, 25184, & 25187. Motion carried 3-0, with Max abstained.

Public Comment: Mark Meints stated that the fire department has received the permit for a house burn on S. 14th street. The date for house burn is Saturday Apr 30th, with a backup date of May 1st.

Andy had no new updates on dilapidated properties.

Lois Milburn was in attendance to request permission for serving alcohol during the alumni banquet on May 28th. Stone Hollow Brewing will be catering the event and will apply for an SDL for the event.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve serving of alcohol, Stone Hollow Brewing will be conducting the catering with an SDL on May 28th from 5PM-9PM, with no fence. Motion carried 4-0.

Angela Meyer was present to request the city renew the current lease with Southern Youth Sports for the Arbor State Park ball field. Discussion was held on making the lease longer than one year. No rewrites will be necessary, only change will be to lengthen the time of the lease. Motion by Max, second by Sue to renew the lease for Southern Youth Sports to use the Arbor State ballfield for a 5 year term. Motion carried 4-0.

Jacque Borzekofski was present to discuss multiple pool items. No increase in admissions has happened at the pool in over 8 years and Jacque has done some comparisons with other nearby pools. The only change to daily admissions is that now children three and under will be free, where in the past only children 2 and under were free. There will be an increase in pass prices. Individual passes will increase to \$75, family passes will increase to \$150, the new cost of adding a grandparent or additional family members will be \$25 each, and daycare passes will cost \$175. The pool will be open 12pm-7pm daily. Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve the new fee schedule and hours of operation at the Wymore Aquatic Center. Motion carried 4-0.

Jacque also discussed the difficulty she is having in finding enough employees for the pool to open. There is a significant decrease in the number of applicants for lifeguards. She is recommending to the council that there be an increase in pay. She is recommending a starting wage of \$11/hr for lifeguards, \$12/hr for supervisor/lifeguards, and \$14/hr for the assistant manager. Each employee would still get their .25/hr raise each year they return. Much discussion was held, however the park board has not met yet and been able to consider this. It was suggested that Jacque set up a meeting with the park board and this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Lastly, Jacque would like council to consider a point of sale system at the pool, so she could accept cards for pool passes/concessions. Options were discussed, however this will be a park board decision.

Two members of the cemetery board were present to discuss the bids they were given for fence repairs in the cemetery. Three bids were compared and Mayor asked the cemetery board which one they would suggest. Cemetery board members stated they would like to go with the bid from K&K, who is also in town putting up a new fence at the Arbor State Park ball field. They have access to the materials and do good work. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve the cemetery to go with the K&K bid to repair the cemetery fence. Motion carried 4-0.

Branson Husa and Bob Hardin were in attendance as they had questions about the farm lease. They expressed confusion some of the wording considering what could be planted/farmed. There were 4 bids, however due to the wording of lease needing to be changed no bids were opened. Tim will reach out to the state with some questions and Andy will take another look at the lease. And this topic will go on the next agenda. Motion by Max, second by Curt for the contract to be reviewed and modified as needed to be voted on next meeting, therefore no presented bids will be opened or accepted. Motion carried 4-0.

Colin Meints was in attendance representing the CRA board. CRA had submitted a map to Hanna Keelan for the blight and substandard study. However, the map they received back from the study to approve didn't match what had been sent originally. Janet has spoken with Allison, the TIF attorney and she suggested that CRA reach out to Hanna Keelan to see if they will reevaluate the map. Nothing can be done at this time, CRA will put back on agenda when things are cleared up.

Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve the 2020-2021 audit. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim brought final bid from WCHE LLC for the electric work on the downtown light/sidewalk/curb project. Tiemann's bid for concrete (\$384,243.99) will still be honored and WCHE LLC's bid for new light poles and electric work was \$223,420, which was considerably lower than the other bid received for light poles and electric work. Discussion was held on new projects that are going on downtown, which will bring more business to town, where the funds for this project will come from, and the fact that this project will need to be addressed sooner rather than later. Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve the Tiemann bid and the WCHE LLC bid for the street lights and paving downtown. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim presented multiple bids for the work that needs to be done on Truck 61. Motion made by Neil, second by Max, based on Tim's recommendation to approve bid #1 from Klute. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on a couple of Linc 1 properties in town. One property on North 7th was demolished by the city after Linc 1 signed an agreement to deed the property to the city. They have two other properties in town where a similar agreement may be able to be reached. Andy will be in contact with them and keep the council updated on the process.

Tim shared with council that Pavers are willing to extend the area of the street project they are currently working on. As long as the budget can cover it, work will be extended to include G St. between 14th & 15th; 15th St from G St -H St; H St from 15th St a half a block to 14th St; 9th St from G St-L St; K St from 7th-10th; 10th St North to M St; and 8th St D St -C St. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve the expansion of the street project to include the ones listed, with the stipulation that the budget is not exceeded. Motion carried 4-0.

SEND D had to make a change in the Professional Service Agreement for grant administration and is requesting the Mayor sign a new copy. Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve the Mayor to sign the Professional Service Agreement with SEND D. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meints requested the council approve up to 6 fire department members to attend the annual NSVFA fire school, which is taking place in Grand Island May 20-22. They budget for this every year and he provided a cost breakdown for council. Total cost is expected to be around \$2500 which would be split 50/50 between the city and the rural board. Motion by Max, second by Neil to approve up to six fire department members to attend the 2022 NSVFA State Fire School in Grand Island May 20-22, with a cost of \$1250 to be covered. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Milton Pike, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk