

City Council Meeting March 2, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on March 2, 2022 in council chambers. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Max Allen, Neil VanBoening, and Sue Sapp. Councilperson Curt Oblinger was absent and City Attorney Carothers was unable to attend. 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 meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve the minutes from the Feb 16, 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve claims/payroll with the exception of check #25059. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Neil to approve check #25059. Motion carried 2-0, with Max abstaining.

Melissa Wach requested that approval of the treasurer's report be moved to the March 16, 2022 meeting, due to the fact that February bank statements just arrived at the office this morning.

Public Comment:

Don Schuller was present to inform council that he had been served notice of a recall.

Neil asked if there was any update on getting city ordinances online. Janet had just recently reached out to company and is waiting to hear back. Colin asked Council what set of rules they follow for conducting meetings, Max told him Robert's Rules and the Open Meeting's Act.

Mark stated the fire department is planning a controlled burn of a house on S. 14th street. They are waiting for final approval from state fire marshal's office.

On behalf of the council Neil expressed his condolences to the family of City Clerk Janet Riensche after the death of her father.

Monica Ullman was present representing J&M Liquor to get approval on applications for a special designated license from the state for upcoming events she is planning to hold at the liquor store. These SDL's would allow her to hold the events in her parking lot, have live entertainment, provide food and sale alcohol. Monica shared with the council the process she has to go through with the state in order to get state approval and the SDLs for such events.

Motion by Max, second by Sue, to approve Monica Ullman, representing J&M Liquor to apply for a special designated license for an event on April 2, 2022 for the purpose of a cornhole tournament with food truck and the serving of liquor, wine, and spirits. Motion carried 3-0.

Max rescinded the previous motion, Sue rescinded the previous second.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Monica Ullman, representing J&M Liquor to apply for a special designated license for an event on April 2, 2022 from 12pm-1am for the purpose of a cornhole tournament with food truck and the serving of liquor, wine, and spirits. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Monica Ullman, representing J&M Liquor to apply for a special designated license for an event on June 11, 2022 from 12pm-1am for the purpose of having entertainment, a food truck, and serving liquor, wine, and spirits. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Monica Ullman, representing J&M Liquor to apply for a special designated license for an event on July 23, 2022 from 12pm-1am for reception with catered meal and serving liquor, wine, and spirits. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Monica Ullman, representing J&M Liquor to apply for a special designated license for an event on September 4, 2022 for the purpose of a catered meal and beer garden, serving liquor, wine and spirits. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim said that he has been communicating with a company who is working on a bid for new street lights and the electrical portion of the downtown curb and sidewalk project. Multiple engineers are working to come up with options and bids for new street light poles that will support the weight of our Christmas lights without the use of guidewires. Tabled until next meeting.

The FD Hazard Mitigation Plan was discussed at the last meeting and Andy wanted to look it over and clean up some language on it, before it was signed and turned in. Due to Andy not being present, item was tabled until next meeting.

Melissa gave an update on insurance proposals which was discussed at the last meeting. Janet sent out multiple requests for proposals and set a deadline of March 15th for them to be returned. We are waiting to hear back and will bring anything we receive to council once it comes in.

Melissa provided council members as well as the EMS Chief and Fire Chief copies of the utility bills for the fire station, for the last couple of years. There was concern about the increase in recent utility costs. The electric and water bills were mostly consistent with minimal changes in usage/charges. Melissa was able to provide amounts for the Black Hills Energy bills for the last few months and discussion was held on if usage was causing the increase in price or just the increase in natural gas prices in general. Melissa will send copies of the last 4 months of Black Hills Energy bills to council members, the EMS Chief, and the Fire Chief tomorrow for them to look at the details. The consensus was it is increase in prices, rather than usage. No action needed at this time, may be discussed again at a future meeting.

Ameritas had sent a resolution for approval by council. At one time council approved employees to be able to take a loan from their retirement account if they would like. Ameritas has paperwork that needs to be approved by council and on file for the loan program. Council members had time to read through the resolution and would like Andy's opinion on it before signing. Tabled until next meeting.

Chief Schachtschabel gave a brief update on the police department. He is waiting to receive the new police policies via email to make typographical fixes that Andy suggested. Once that's done copies will be given to council members to read over and approval of policies will be voted on at the next meeting. Greg Lauby was in attendance with an update on where current bills, to reform LB 51, stand and he suggested council consider holding a special meeting on March 30th for approval of policies, so that there was more time for them to be read and considered prior to the April 1st deadline to have them turned into the crime commission. Tony suggested the new policies be approved by the city's insurance carrier LARM. Tim will provide Chief Schachtschabel with an email to send them to LARM. No other discussion held.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 7:43PM.

Milton Pike, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk