

## City Council Meeting November 16, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the council chambers. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Neil VanBoening, Max Allen, Sue Sapp, and Curt Oblinger as well as City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given by posting in three places: 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 shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt, to approve minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.  
Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve claims and payroll, except check #26150. Motion carried 4-0.  
Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve check #26078. Motion carried 3-0, Neil abstained.  
Motion by Sue, second by Neil to approve check #26150. Motion carried 3-0, Max abstained.  
Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: Sue shared that Elliot Hawkins had reached out to her recently. He had a concern about the safety of students getting on and off the school bus during a recent situation, involving the local police department as well as the Gage County Sheriff's Office. Mark Meints shared with council members he had been part of a meeting that morning and safety of school age children getting on the bus during the event was considered.

Tim provided council members with a list of houses that are ready or near ready for demolition. Tim is expecting the excavator to be here by the end of November, and work to last about one month.

Andy had provided council members with the updated procurement policy at the last meeting. Everyone had looked through it and had no questions. Motion by Sue, second by Neil to approve the updated procurement policy. Motion carried 4-0.

Shawna Argo, Jeff Argo, and Clark McMurray were present representing Wymore EMS. Shawna provided council members with the list of newly elected officers. Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve the elected EMS Officers, Rescue Chief Shawna Argo, Secretary/Treasurer Oran "Clark" McMurray. Motion carried 4-0.

Shawna provided information from the State of NE on current grants available for rural EMS departments. Shawna gave some details about what the grants can be used for, due date of application, etc. EMS is considering using the grants for either new equipment or a new ambulance. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve Wymore EMS to apply for available grants through Nebraska DHHS. Motion carried 4-0.

City currently has a lease with SYS for the baseball field at Arbor State Park. Last year SYS sponsored the Legion baseball team. Bobbie Hroch reached out to the office and stated that the baseball team will be going back under the sponsorship of the American Legion. It seems there has only been limited communication between SYS, the Legion and Bobbie Hroch. Motion by Sue, second by Max, to postpone agenda item considering a lease with the American Legion to the Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

Discussion was held on repealing Section 8-113, regarding camping fees. Motion by Max to wave the 3 mandatory readings of the ordinance, no second or vote. Max made a motion to retract his motion to

wave the 3 readings, as an ordinance number needs to be determined, no second or vote. After it was determined what the correct ordinance number would be, discussion on the topic resumed. Motion by Max, second by Sue, to wave the mandatory three readings of Ordinance 668, which repeals Section 8-113. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Max, second by Neil, to approve Ordinance 668. Motion carried 4-0.

It was recently discovered that 2 properties in town have multiple sewer taps but are only being charged for one. Discussion was held on how to move forward and correct this. It was decided Tim would meet with appropriate boards members that manage these properties and explain unless they can provide documents stating otherwise, beginning January 1, 2023 they will be charged for all taps on the property rather than just a single one.

Our current auditors informed us that salaries should be approved through an ordinance annually. A list of current staff and salaries was provided to Andy for him to write up Ordinance #669. It was realized that one staff member had been overlooked and needs to be added with a current wage. Motion by Max, second by Curt to table approval of Ordinance #669 until the Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

Chief Schachtschabel told council that at a traffic stop, which led to an arrest, on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the suspects cell phone was damaged beyond repair. A claim for loss of property was completed and returned to the city by the individual along with his receipt for the purchase of a new phone. Andy asked Chief Schachtschabel to submit the claim to LARM before council makes a decision on repayment. Motion by Max, second by Neil to table this matter until the Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

Back in 2020 our utility department sold three trucks. Since that time only one has been replaced. At the time we did not have a full time sewer employee and that has since changed. Tim found a truck at federal surplus that Tony has been test driving. Tim asked council for approval to purchase truck. Motion by Max, second by Neil to approve the purchase of the 1998 Ford F150 truck, from Federal Surplus, for the cost of \$2500. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Sue, to approve Tony to complete online training for wastewater school and attend testing in Grand Island on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 including the cost of one night at a hotel, mileage, and meal reimbursement. Motion carried 4-0.

Lengthy discussion held on the brush pile. No action taken.

Motion by Sue, second by Max to adjourn at 8:31 PM.

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Milton Pike, Mayor

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Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk