

City Council Meeting April 1, 2026

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on April 1, 2026, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Present were Council Persons Max Allen, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. Council Person Sue Sapp was absent. City Attorney Andy Carothers was also in attendance. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, Arbor State Pharmacy, and the City Office. It was also posted in the Fairbury Journal News. 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 Max, seconded by Curt to approve minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve claims and payroll except check numbers 31011 and 31018.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to approve check number 31011. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining and Mayor Meints voting yes.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve check number 31018. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining and Mayor Meints voting yes.

Dilapidated Buildings: Attorney Carothers reported he will be talking with Adam Cook regarding funding for demolition of the Nags Head Bar. He also is having Chet McGrury do a visual inspection on the building next to the Welsh Heritage Center.

Public Comment: Anne Platt was in attendance to ask Attorney Carothers about the progress on her complaint. Andy stated it is under investigation.

Neil Van Boening questioned if all members on the Fire Roster qualify for the benefits. Mayor Meints would like council members Neil and Curt to attend the next fire meeting.

Michele Cresse was in attendance requesting permission to hold swimming lessons at the Wymore Aquatic Center this summer. She plans to hold two sessions and would like to keep the tuition at \$35.00 per child. The council approved Michele's plan by consensus.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve the request for Amendment 2 to Community Development Block Grant Street Project #23PW1012. The amendment is in the structuring of the budget and does not change the total cost of the project. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve the amendment to CDBG Street Project #23PW1012 and authorize Mayor Meints to sign the letter of request. Motion carried 3-0.

There were three sealed bids received for mowing at the cemetery. AE's Lawn Care and Snow Removal submitted a bid of 950.00 per mowing or 1255.00 per mowing with weed eating. Lundstedt Outdoor Solutions submitted a bid of 600.00 per mowing with weed eating. Henshaw Land Service submitted a bid 36.00 per hour with 2 workers using the client's equipment. The council asked the Cemetery Board for input. Lawrence Mallam stated he would prefer to stay local. Joellyn Wittmus and Pam Gerdes both indicated the same thing. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to Approve the bid from Lundstedt Outdoor Solutions for \$600.00 per service. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to table the discussion of Education Approval for Wymore EMS. Motion carried 3-0.

Attorney Carothers presented a new Keno Contract between the City and C Blake LLC to administer the city's Keno. Our old contract was outdated and needed some language changes. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve the new contract with C Blake LLC and authorize Mayor Meints to sign it. Motion carried 3-0.

Utility Superintendent Tim Sedlacek asked what the Council would like him to do about the property where the old Gambles Building was torn down. It was the consensus to keep the weeds down but not to put the money into planting grass. Kirby and Janice Cohorst were present and asked about the property owner maintaining it. Andy Carothers indicated it was not likely. Paul Borzekofsky suggested looking into Vacant Property Registration. Andy will speak to Tobias Tempelmeyer, the Beatrice City Administrator about their experience with this kind of program and report back at the next council meeting.

Neil Van Boening reported that the Police Department Advisory Committee met March 31<sup>st</sup> and discussed pursuing a contract with an executive search agency to assist in hiring a Chief of Police, consideration of a hiring bonus, and relocation expense reimbursement. They would like to see the position posted on the City Website and Facebook page. Councilman Max and Mayor Meints asked the committee to research hiring agencies and present the top three possible companies.

City Clerk Janet Riensche presented the LIGHT Health Insurance Renewal forms. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to table the LIGHT Insurance Renewal to the next meeting to have time to look it over and for Council Person Sue Sapp to be able to be present. Motion carried 3-0.

There was discussion about City Wide Cleanup concerning junk vehicles. Andy explained the process for obtaining an abandoned vehicle title in order to be able to get rid of some of the vehicles for which the owner of the property does not have a title. Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to table this agenda item to the next council meeting.

Motion by Max to adjourn at 9:03 PM.



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Collin Meints, Mayor

Respectfully submitted



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Janet Riensche, City Clerk