

City Council Meeting April 16, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on April 16, 2025, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Max Allen, Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. 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 Sue to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except checks # 29576 & 29606.

Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Neil expressed his concerns with a few items in the claims, and the timelessness of turning in claims.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check #29576. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check #29606. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings-Attorney Andy Carothers will be getting in touch with Eric Tiemann to get a timeline for the demolition of the Gambles building. Marlene will get notice before the power is disconnected to the building.

Public Comment-Councilman Neil Van Boening asked to have livestreaming of the meetings and fire department and EMS ordinance on the next agenda. Attorney Carothers was still working on the ordinance. Mark Meints said they licensed 26 dogs at the dog clinic this year.

Deidra Hodges was in attendance to report on the status of the house at 320 S 9th street. Deidra stated that house hadn't had water or heat for the last 5 years. Her brother Shawn is the one living in the house, but he does not have a lease. Deidra gave a phone number for Krystal MaAlecry who is an owner of the residence. Attorney Carothers was going to contact her to see if we could get permission to inspect the residence.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to open the public hearing for the 1- & 6-year plan at 7:19pm. City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek informed the council that was just the 1-year plan, that was needed to start drawdowns for the next project. Councilman Max Allen asked if there was a plan for additional streets. City Superintendent Sedlack answered yes. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to close the public hearing on the 1- & 6-year plan. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve the 1- & 6-year plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Kevin Kramer from Pappy's Camels would like to come to town and offer camel rides. Attorney Carothers recommended we call Kevin and have him name the City of Wymore as an additional insured on his insurance. We will also need to keep a copy of his insurance on file.

Carlee Fiddes Shelter Director at the Humane Society was in attendance to explain some things that they are needing for the TNR program. Some of the things that are still needed would be housing for the workers, housing for the cats, additional traps, connections with who is taking care of the cats and funding. The Humane Society received a grant from the Morris Endowment Grant but they are still needing about \$5000 for this project. Carlee planned to attend the next Blue Springs City Council Meeting to see if this event could happen in both towns. The date she has in mind would be June 21st. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

Attorney Carothers informed the council that Rick Jurgens had expressed his concern with vacating F st from 18th to 19th due to them having a well on the property just north and west of 18th and F St. The city will not need an easement for F street from 17th to 18th. One half of the street will go to each of the property owners, since Baker's own the property of both sides the will get that as their property. The ordinance to vacate F street from 17th to 18th will be put on the next agenda.

The City Council and Attorney Carothers discussed the pros and cons of being on the city payroll or being an independent contractor. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil that we add Lawrence Mallam as a payroll employee through the city. Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Carothers discussed with the council an email that he handed out at the last meeting from Tara Stingley about what she would do with updating the handbook. Larm has given us a copy of their handbook, just the harassment part of the handbook. Max asked if we could have Tara review it to see if it is compatible. Fred from Larm would come down and do the employee and volunteer training on discrimination and sexual harassment which would be about an hour and a half long. Attorney Carothers was going to talk with Fred and get a date figured out that would work for him, and we will go from there.

Motion by Max to go into executive session for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 8:58pm. They came out of executive session at 9:44pm.

Motion to adjourn by Sue 9:45pm.

Mayor Collin Meints

Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk