

City Council Meeting April 2, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on April 2, 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 Sue to approve claims and payroll except check numbers 29522, 29527 and 29530. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to approve check number 28522. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check number 29527. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check number 29530. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: Andy reported that Bockmann Inc has completed the asbestos abatement at 217 South 7th at the cost of approximately 10,000.00. He now needs to get a start date from Tiemann Construction on the demolition of the building.

Public Comment: Randall Baker was in attendance to inquire on the progress of vacating F st between 17th & 19th streets and 18th street for D to E street. Attorney Andrew Carothers told him it would be on the next agenda. He said not all of those streets would be vacated, but he anticipated F street would be between 17th and 18th streets would move forward. Utility Superintendent Tim Sedlacek reported the property at the corner of 9th and D st had been cleaned up and the property owner would be receiving an invoice.

Business: Motion by Sue seconded by Curt to open the Public Hearing on a Special Use Permit for Blue Valley Community Action to build a Pre-School at 17th and C street. Motion carried 4-0. City Attorney Carothers stated the Planning and Zoning Committee, who met for a Public Hearing at 6:30 had voted to make a non-binding recommendation to pass the Special Use Permit. He also introduced Ordinance 681 along with a map of parcel 008900100, where the proposed building would be located. Trevor Watson (Architect), Kyanna Volkman (Blue Valley Community Action), Sam Ayars, and James Brown (Ayars & Ayars) were on hand to answer questions. Trevor Watson explained the design of the building and grounds. Kyanna Volkman explained the services that would be provided by the facility and that it would allow them to expand the Head Start program with 2 classrooms rather than just one. Also in the floor plan is a meeting room that will double as a storm shelter, a kitchen and restrooms. The Architect explained they tried to make the building a more residential feel, since it is in a residential area, with 6-foot-tall black metal fencing to surround the playground equipment. There will be side street parking for drop-offs and pick-up and seven stalls in the parking lot for staff. They have planned for drainage, including piping under the playground area so as not to have water running onto the neighbor's property. Construction is expected to begin in the next few weeks and be completed by October 2025. Mark Meints (Wymore Fire Chief) asked if the building was required to have a sprinkler system. Trevor replied that it is not required for the capacity of this building. Mark then asked how many students they would serve. Kyanna Volkman replied with the 2 classrooms they will be able to serve 12-24 students. Randall Baker asked about the sewer system capacity. Tim Sedlacek (Utility Superintendent) explained it will work on the existing system same as the high school. Melissa Snyder asked about security, to which Kyanna replied by explaining staff would have key cards and would allow access to the building.

through a camera system like the schools.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to approve the Special Use Permit Application for a HeadStart and Child Care Center. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to suspend the three readings of Ordinance 681 An Ordinance pertaining to a Special Use Permit for a Head Start Facility/Child Care Center in the R-2 Residential Single and Multifamily District; to Approve a Special Use Permit for a Head Start Facility/Child Care Center in the R-2 Residential Single and Multifamily Family District: to Describe the Property subject to the Special Use Permit; and to Provide for an Effective Date. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve Ordinance 681 An Ordinance pertaining to a Special Use Permit for a Head Start Facility/Child Care Center in the R-2 Residential Single and Multifamily District; to Approve a Special Use Permit for a Head Start Facility/Child Care Center in the R-2 Residential Single and Multifamily Family District: to Describe the Property subject to the Special Use Permit; and to Provide for an Effective Date. Attorney Carothers read Ordinance 681. Motion carried 4-0.

Dani Warford was present to ask permission to have alcohol at the Community Center on May 17th, 2025, from 6pm to 1am. Max asked if she was planning to use the Beer Garden, to which the answer was no. He then explained that all alcohol would need to be always kept inside. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve allowing Dani Warford to have alcohol at the Community Center on May 17th from 6pm to 1am without the use of the Beer Garden. Motion carried 4-0.

Michele Cresse was present to request permission to hold Swimming Lessons at the Wymore Aquatic Center this year. She has already obtained permission from Angela Meyer (Park Board) and Shannon Burgess (Pool Manager). She explained they served 82 in 2022, 117 in 2023 and 120 in 2024 and brought in over \$2000.00 after payroll in 2024. Motion by Max seconded by Neil to approve Michele Cresse to hold Swimming Lessons at the Wymore Aquatic Center June 23rd – June 27th and June 30th – July 4th of 2025. Motion carried 4-0.

James Ullman was present to request approval for two Special Designated Licenses. One for May for the Alumni Banquet at the Community Center and one for a Beer Garden at their location Saturday June 14th during Sam Wymore Days. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve J&M Liquor to obtain a Special Designated Liquor License for May 24, 2025, for the Alumni Banquet at the Wymore Community Center, and June 14, 2025, in the J&M Parking lot for a Beer Garden During Sam Wymore Days. Motion carried 4-0.

Shelby Temps was present representing Temps Disposal. Due to the rising costs of the Beatrice Landfill, he asked permission to raise their rates by one dollar for residential and between 6 and 8 percent for commercial depending on the size of the dumpster. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve a rate increase by Temps Disposal of \$1.00 per residential trash pickup and 6-8 percent on commercial pick up, to cover the increase in landfill fees. Motion carried 4-0.

Kevin Kramer, owner of Pappy's Camels, was present to request permission to bring his camels to McCandless Park and offer rides for \$10.00 per ride or Family pack of 4 for \$36.00. He is USDA registered and insured. The Council would like the approval of the Park Board before making any decision.

There was discussion on employee and volunteer training of employee discrimination and sexual harassment. Attorney Andy Carothers reported he had spoken to Fred Wiebelhaus from LARM. They will provide the training for free to members. There were several questions about remote learning opportunities. Andy will call Fred. Andy also reported he spoke to Tara Stingley from Cline Williams about reviewing the Wymore Personnel Manual. He asked that the manual be placed on the next agenda.

Council member Max Allen reported that he has spoken with Austin Jackson (Librarian) about sharing recordings of council meetings through his newsletter. He reported Austin seemed excited about the possibility. He also mentioned the possibility of having a recorder. This will be placed on the next agenda.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve holding the city-wide cleanup April 22nd and 23rd. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion Possible Action on whether to pay the Cemetery through Payroll or Independent Contractor was asked to be put on the next agenda. Janet Riensche (City Clerk) was asked to gather more information about hours worked last year and pay information.

Neil VanBoening reported on the latest Police Department Advisory Committee. He reported there was frustration among the committee members with a lack of process and communication. The committee would like to have a more active role in the application and interview process. There was discussion about what can and cannot be shared.

Mark Meints was present to ask for approval to send up to six members of the Wymore Fire Department to Nebraska State Fire School in Grand Island May 16th through 18th. He stated the Rural Fire Board had approved six and there are currently five signed up to go. He also stated the Rural Board would be paying half of the cost. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve sending six members of the Wymore Fire Department to attend NSVFA Fire School in Grand Island May 16-18, 2025 with the City paying our share of expenses for registration, lodging, mileage and meals. Tim Sedlacek reported the bid for the Street Project came lower than the engineer's estimate. The estimate from the engineer was around 735,000.00 and the bid accepted was just under 579,000.00. He asked if the council wanted to use street funds to increase the scope of the project. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to go up to the amount budgeted to the streets. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim presented a fuel contract from Sapp Brothers. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to approve the Sapp Brothers Fuel Contract. Motion carried 4-0.

Officer Mark Meints gave a report on Police Department activity. He has gone through about a hundred boxes that were stored after the fire. He will need to get in touch with Gage County to check the tasers. The computers are good, but the printer/fax machine was not salvageable. He also stated the three AED's which are owned by the state still need to be located and updated. They are putting off a signal that they have not been updated. He raised concerns about the police department bicycle. Mark also stated he had been in contact with the sheriff's department, and they had no plans for prom. Max thanked Mark for the updates.

Motion to adjourn by Sue. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk

