

City Council Meeting April 20, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on April 20, 2022, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Milton Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Neil VanBoening, Max Allen, Sue Sapp, and Curt Oblinger. 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. 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.

Max made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6th meeting. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Sue made a motion to approve claims and payroll. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Max made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Curt seconded the motion. Neil inquired about a disbursement from Keno. Janet Riensche stated it was for licensing fees. He also inquired about EMS billing. EMS Billing will be added to the next agenda. Neil inquired about grave openings at the cemetery, Sue also inquired about the Cemetery Board Treasurers Report. Andy stated we can ask for their books to be audited when preparing for our budget. Janet will speak to the auditor. After some discussion the Treasurers Report was accepted on a 4-0 vote.

Public comment:

Mark Meints welcomed back and congratulated Officer Geoffrey Willmann for his successful graduation from the Police Academy. Mayor Pike and the council also expressed their congratulations. Mayor Pike also expressed his thanks to the fire department for their good job with the grass fires last week.

Dilapidated Properties:

Andy stated he has been in contact with the owner of the building at 122 N 7th Street. He may be willing to deed the property to the city. Acquisition of Real Property will be on the next agenda. The Gamble's building was discussed. Mayor Pike would like to investigate what it would take to rehab the building verses demolition. This will be explored further.

Business:

Melissa Wach was present to request permission to serve alcohol at the community center on Friday May 13th, for her son's graduation party. The event will be an invite only event with no beer garden. Max made a motion to allow Melissa Wach to serve alcohol at the community center at a private event on Friday May 13th with no beer garden. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meints was present to request approval of Landon Dohlkoetter as a cadet member for the Wymore Fire Department. Mark stated that Landon has already been coming to the department to help with some things like washing trucks, and to learn. Neil asked about benefits and Mark listed a few such as being on our insurance and learning. Max made a motion to accept Landon Dohlkoetter's application to become a cadet member of Wymore Fire Department. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Employee Health Insurance was discussed. Melissa had put together a spreadsheet comparing the proposals we received, and stated our current plan expects an increase of approximately 4% in October. There was discussion of dependent premiums, but since this was not stated on the agenda no action could be taken. This will be put on the next agenda.

Janet Riensche requested permission to attend the SEACA meeting in Hallam on April 21st. Max made a motion to allow Janet to attend the SEACA meeting in Hallam on April 21st and receive reimbursement for mileage. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The subject of Swimming Lessons was discussed. Jaquie Borzekofski was in attendance and stated that over the last two years the number of kids served has risen by approximately 35. Max made a motion to allow Michele Cresse to hold swimming lessons as in the past. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Park Board submitted a proposal to increase the wages for pool employees by \$1.00 with the yearly .25 additional on top of the base pay. The park board would also like the pool to stay open until 8pm. Exceptions can be made for parties with public notice. Max made a motion to approve the Park Board's proposal. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Installing a point-of-sale system at the pool was discussed. There needs to be more investigation into what it would require and how it would work.

Farm Lease bids were discussed. Tim stated that has been put on hold at this time. Most communities are using their property around the wells for haying only. It was also suggested to check with games and parks.

Shawna Argo has requested approval for herself and Anthony Troxel to go to Grand Island on April 22, for ALS Testing. Neil made a motion to approve Shawna Argo and Anthony Troxel to go to Grand Island on April 22nd for ALS Testing, with testing fees for the first test, the second test contingent upon passing the first and mileage paid by the city. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ARPA Reporting was discussed. After some discussion. Max made a motion to report that we will use the funds to offset lost revenue. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

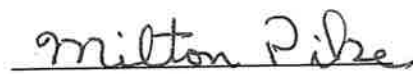
Mark Meints reported the resignation of Angela Whitaker due to moving out of town. Max made the motion to accept the resignation of Angela Whitaker. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Mayor thanked Austin for his hard work at the library.

Sue made a motion to adjourn.

Meating adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted


Milton Pike, Mayor


Janet Riensche, City Clerk