

## City Council Meeting April 3, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on April 3, 2024, 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. 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 from the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve claims and payroll except checks # 28128, 28162, 28133, and 28137. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to approve checks # 28128 and 28162. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve check # 28133. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check # 28137. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: City Attorney Andy Carothers reported he had spoken to Steve McNolty, and it will be a few months before the Downtown Revitalization Grants will be awarded. Andy sent a letter to the new owner of the property at 518 N 11<sup>th</sup> as to the plans for the house which looks to have more than 50% damage from fire. Chet McGrury from Beatrice will come and inspect the house if needed.

Public Comment: Janice Cohorst commented that it is really good we are having a cleanup day again this year. She would like to see ordinances being enforced or advise property owners that if they do not take advantage of the cleanup, they will be served notice. Merry Coffee inquired if the city could pick up for the elderly. Tim Sedlacek expressed concern over who would qualify and stated there are times when 5 or 6 trucks of trailers are lined up waiting to unload. Max suggested putting items on the curb and making a post on Facebook. Sheri Ottersberg asked about how Blue Springs collects. Tim said they are just doing dumpsters.

Tom Burke inquired if there might be a place open to run a clothing closet out of. He stated his wife worked with the one out of the Methodist Church, but it will be closing.

Business:

Tim Sedlacek called in to request permission to have alcohol at the Community Center on May 11, 2024 from 4pm to 12 am for an invitation only party. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve the serving of alcohol on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 12 am with no beer garden. Motion carried 4-0.

Pam Gerdes and Joellyn Wittmus were in attendance to request permission for the Cemetery Board to apply for a Thomas Foundation grant under the Cities name. Andy stated this would not affect the cities ability to apply. Tim Sedlacek suggested the board ask for enough to improve some of the roads at the cemetery. Pam and Joellyn stated they would have to take the suggestion back to the Cemetery Board. Tim offered to get ahold of someone to look at the roads and give them an estimate. He stated a city block is usually around 30,000 dollars to pave but the cemetery roads are not nearly as wide. Andy Carothers made a couple of suggestions about the application. This will be put on the next agenda unless the cemetery board requires more time.

Janice Cohorst was present to bring a possible Tire Reimbursement Grant to the Councils attention. The grant can reimburse up to 25% of the cost if the city can certify the material came from Nebraska tires.

According to the NDEE website the application is usually open in June for 45 days and grants are awarded in December. Janice will be bringing the information to the City Office.

No one from J&M Liquor was present to address their requested SDLs for May 25, June 8, September 28 and October 26 of 2024. This will be placed on the next agenda.

There were some discrepancies between the old Track Interlocal Agreement and the proposed agreement. These will be fixed, and the item placed on the next agenda.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to amend section 1 of ordinance 677 an Ordinance to amend provisions with respect to the payment and refund of the utility service deposit, to read section 3-810. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to suspend the 3 readings of ordinance 677. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max seconded by Sue to approve Ordinance 677 as amended. Attorney Andy Carothers read the ordinance. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 678 an ordinance concerning the confinement of dogs, is not ready. Andy needs to get together with Chief Martinez.

Tim Sedlacek reported one of the two projects we submitted a pre-application for the NDEE Grid Grant was approved for \$525,000.00. If it passes the application process the city will need 48% matching funds.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to proceed with the application process. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to appoint JEO as the City Engineers. Motion carried 4-0.

Changes to the Boards and Committees were reviewed. Curt volunteered to be the second representative from the council on the Track Committee. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve the addition of Curt to the Track Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meints submitted an application to the Fire Department for Thomas Burke, who was present. Mark stated the application was approved unanimously by the Fire Board. This will bring the departments membership up to 21.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve the application of Thomas Burke to the Wymore Fire Department. Motion carried 4-0.

Janet Riensche, city clerk asked the Council if they wanted to continue receiving the meeting notices by mail. It was the consensus of the council to discontinue the mailings and continue sending notices by email.

Motion by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Collin Meints, Mayor

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Janet Riensche, City Clerk