

City Council Meeting August 17th, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on August 17th, 2022, in council chambers. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Sue Sapp, Max Allen, Neil Van Boening, and Curt Oblinger, as well as City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given 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 is attached. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve claims & payroll, except checks #25655, #25700, and #25678. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve checks #25655 & #25700. Motion carried 3-0, Max abstained.

Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve check #25678. Motion carried 3-0, Neil abstained.

Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: Neil stated that Kiwanis will be bringing a check to the office soon to help cover a portion of funding for the new playground equipment in McCandless Park. The City of Wymore received a grant from the Thomas Foundation recently for the McCandless Park Project. These grant funds in addition to the funds raised by Kiwanis and The Blue Springs Area Fund Group will allow for completion of the final phase of the playground equipment project.

Dilapidated Properties: Andy is waiting on the Thomas Foundation to meet and consider the grant application, no other updates at this time.

Chief Schachtschabel was in attendance. On behalf of the Wymore Police Department and the City of Wymore he wanted to recognize Greg Grummert for 35 years of service to the Police Department and City of Wymore. Council members, the Mayor, and public in attendance thanked Greg for his years of service. Greg expressed his thanks to the City.

Ashley Timothy was in attendance to request permission to serve alcohol at the community center during a wedding reception on September 4th, 2022. Motion by Max, second by Sue, to approve Ashley Timothy to serve alcohol for a private wedding reception on September 4th, 2022 from 5PM-11PM, no use of the beer garden. Motion carried 4-0.

Eric Hagood was present. He is a customer of Zito Media and has been without service since July 9th, although they are still expecting full payment. He inquired if the City has a contract with them for service or could assist him in getting somewhere with the company. Andy has a contact that he's been working with on the franchise agreement and will reach out to them. Melissa will also pass along contact information she has for Daniel Stuckey. Daniel has been in touch with the office before and said we could pass on customer complaints to him. Melissa stated that Janet had shared Eric's contact information with Daniel previously. After hearing from Eric that he had not been contacted by Zito, Melissa gave Daniel's number to Eric to call. Eric did not get an answer.

Jerry Enns and Kevin Wagner were in attendance representing Norris Public Power. There has been discussion recently regarding the electric services provided to the area north of Blue Springs, Cottonwood @ the Springs. Although some of this area lies within the Blue Springs city limits, it has

always been serviced by Wymore. The electric services are in need of major repairs and it seems like now would be an appropriate time for Norris to take over the service area. Andy will work on writing official documents to be presented at the next council meeting.

Melissa provided the council members with information from the current billing software Gworks, regarding an updated module for online bill pay and credit cards payments. Some discussion was held on it, no decision needed at this time, but in the next few months Gworks will no longer support the current module used for online and credit card payments. Will be discussed again at a future meeting.

Motion by Max, second by Neil to pass Resolution 2022-05, the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2022. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on the LIGHT insurance plan sponsored by the League of Nebraska Municipalities. Council was provided with information on estimated premiums and insurance coverage. Comparisons discussed between what employees have now and proposed plans. Motion by Max, second by Sue to table insurance discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

The city's auditing firm HBE has an employee helping with the new budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He suggested a change to one line in the budget regarding principal and interest payments on bonds, as the current number differs from the payments that will be made in the next fiscal year. Janet or Melissa will reach out for clarification on this. Discussion and possible approval of budget will be included on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Council members were presented with a quote from Sargent Drilling. They were out recently to test the pumps and wells. Well #7 is needing some repairs. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve quote from Sargent Drilling for \$28,572. Motion carried 4-0.

Chief Schachtschabel requested council approval to send Officer Willman to FTO school. This would allow Officer Willman to be able to assist Chief Schachtschabel in training new hires. Approximate cost of schooling will be \$600-\$700 plus mileage. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Officer Willman to go to FTO school, Oct. 24th-Oct 28th. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim provided an update on the bucket truck. It is still in Sioux City, needing major repairs. Discussion was held on what options we have for repair or replacement. Tim will look into some options and report back to the council.

Discussion was held on how to dispose of the brush pile. Fire Department Chief Mark Meints states it's unsafe to burn, due to the size of the pile. Cost of chipping the pile would be quite high and would still leave the city with a large pile of chips that would need to be moved. Much discussion was held, no solution at this time. Tim will reach out to NEMA and also get quotes for chipping the pile.

Janet provided council with copies of the pool and general budget, which included a couple proposed changes to some line items for next fiscal year. This was provided as informational only at this time. Departmental budgets will be up for approval at next council meeting.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 9:13PM.

Milton Pike, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk