

City Council Meeting August 19, 2026

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on August 19, 2026, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Sue Sapp, Max Allen, Neil Van Boening and Curt Oblinger. City Attorney Andrew Carothers was absent. 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 Curt to approve the minutes of the last meeting with the corrections of Beatrice Rural Fire should be Beatrice Fire and Rescue. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except checks # 31647 & 31705. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check # 31647. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated buildings- Neil asked if there was any update on the bid for demolition on the property at 213 S 7th. City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek answered he was not told to get one. Last he understood, Attorney Carothers was going to talk with Tim Lottman. Mayor Meints has not heard anything back on that topic.

Public Comment- No comments

Isaach Bachman from the Wymore American Legion was in attendance to present a joint proclamation between Blue Springs and Wymore for the 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001; A Day of Remembrance and Service. It will be on September 11th at noon at the football field. The council was invited to be distinguished guests. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil that we approve the joint proclamation and approve Mayor Meints to sign. Motion carried 4-0.

After a little discussion for the liquor license recommendation for the Wymore American Legion manager, it was determined there was not enough information available now. While City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek went to find more information the mayor and council moved on the next item on the agenda.

During discussion of the police department/police department committee report, Chief Mike stated that the committee had met last week and interviewed a full-time applicant, Robert Sandersfeld. They made a recommendation to the mayor. They offered him a contract for \$65,000 per year for 192 hours per month. He could start next month. Attorney Carothers will have to finalize the contract with the mayor. Councilman Van Boening stated he had a lot of training in his background, and they will make a good team going forward.

Mayor Meints explained that Ordinance 691 to repeal the Police Department Advisory Committee, this would turn this committee into a hiring board to help Chief Mike. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to suspend the 3 readings for Ordinance 691. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to pass ordinance 691. **ORDINANCE 691. AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 2-210; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYMORE, NEBRASKA:** Ordinance read by Mayor Meints. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to table discussion on the EMS By-Laws until the next meeting so the changes voted on by the body could be highlighted for the council to just vote on those changes. Motion carried 4-0.

The Stryker 3 year prevent with battery contract was discussed. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to accept and approve the 3-year agreement with Stryker for \$17,541.90 and authorize Shawna Argo to sign and send in on behalf of Wymore EMS. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to make the recommendation to accept application for liquor for the Wymore American Legion. Motion carried 4-0.

City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek has been in contact with the insurance adjustor about the settlement for the police department. This item does not need to be put back on the agenda until Tim has further information.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to table EMS pay until EMS presence is available. Motion carried 4-0.

Max Allen informed the council that EMS has been having trouble with getting pages. Jeff Argo has been in contact with First Wireless in Lincoln. A lot of the radios are not getting updates. Max is going to take them all up to Lincoln to have them checked out and get new batteries before they spend money on new ones. Max is willing to take the Fire Department's as well if they have some that need looked at.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to table discussion of EMS bills until the next meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek informed the council that he had spoke with the daughter of the property owner of 212 N 11th street to inform her that if there was not an active utilities service at the residence when the water project was ready to tap there then we would not hook that house up to the new service line. The cost to do so in the future would be entirely on the property owner.

During discussion of the departmental budgets, it seemed like all the corrections had been made and no discrepancies were found. There seemed to be a lot of things that were not understood as far as how the budget works. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve the present budget.

Motion carried 3-1 with Neil voting no.

During discussion of the tax levy the council learned that the city is losing over \$200,000 in municipal equalization from the state. If we continue to do nothing with the levy the city will end up behind. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to set the tax levy at 0.728 percent. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve the Van Kirk Brothers Contracting pay application # 2 with check # 31705 and authorize Mayor Meints to sign. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn by Sue at 8:35.

Mayor Collin Meints

Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk