

City Council Meeting August 2, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on August 2, 2023, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Present were Council members Curt Oblinger, Neil Van Boening and Max Allen. Sue Sapp was absent. 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 Curt to approve the Minutes from July 19, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max seconded by Curt to approve Claims and Payroll except checks 27220 & 27233. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Max seconded by Curt to table the approval of check 27220 & 27233.

Public Comment: Lori Novotny asked when the downtown streetlights will be put up. Tim Sedlacek stated they are waiting on receptacles and hope to have them up soon.

Business:

Mayor Collin Meints placed Bobby B. Martinez' name in for nomination for Chief of Police.

Motion by Max seconded by Neil to approve Bobby Martinez for Chief of Police. Motion carried 3-0. Andy Carothers administered the Oath of Office, and Mayor Meints presented Chief Martinez with his badge.

Motion by Max seconded by Neil to approve the contract between Bobby Martinez and the City of Wymore. Motion carried 3-0. Chief Martinez will take the management training course at the Police Academy in October. His beginning salary will be 65,000 a year. After his training he will be raised to 68,000 and 70,000 after the 6-month probationary period as long as he is in good standing with the City of Wymore and the State of Nebraska. All raises will need Council approval. We welcome Chief of Police Bobby Martinez and his family to our community.

Tim Sedlacek stated there will be a 'Needs Survey' link posted on Facebook and paper copies will be available at the City Office. This is to satisfy one of the qualifications for a CDBG Street Grant. These surveys need to be filled out by Citizens of Wymore.

Tim Sedlacek reported on the downtown street light project. WCHE the electricians for the project are here with 5 new poles but are awaiting the correct outlets for them. Tim asked how the Council would like the parking lines painted on the streets. He said it doesn't really matter to him but needs to know what the council would like. The two options are to continue with the angled parking in the center or to have one row of parallel parking in the center. Lori Novotney stated as a business owner there was a concern over losing parking spaces. Max stated that with longer pickups there has been an issue with room for traffic between vehicles. There was lengthy discussion. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to paint the center parking for parallel parking on 7th St from D to G. Motion carried 3-0. Tim pointed out that it will be one section from one end of the block to the other without individual parking spaces. Ordinance 674 Changing the parking will be on the next agenda.

Melissa Wach and Janet Riensche requested permission to have NCS install dual monitors at each desk in the city office. This will require one new monitor each with a bid from NCS of \$683.0. Motion by Max seconded by Neil to approve the bid from NCS to install dual monitors

in the city office. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Meints stated the Revised Personnel Handbook would need to be tabled as there are possibly more changes that need to be made. Andy requested permission to have Cline Williams look at the discrimination and harassment policies. Motion by Max seconded by Neil to table the discussion on the Revised Personnel Handbook and have Cline Williams look at the discrimination and harassment policies. Motion carried 3-0.

Each departmental budget was gone over by the council. There were many questions asked by the council about upcoming projects and anticipated expenses. There will be some corrections made to some of the forms and this will be put back on the agenda for August 16th.

Motion to adjourn by Max at 10:41 pm

Respectively Submitted

Collin Meints/Mayor

Janet Riensche/City Clerk