

City Council Meeting August 20, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on August 20, 2025, 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. 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. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except checks #30191 & 30229.

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check # 30229. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check # 30191. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

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

Dilapidated Buildings- Attorney Andy Carothers stated that the Gambles Building is down. It will get hauled off as trucks are available. Attorney Carothers still has not heard from Harry Lovell. City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek has sent Attorney Carothers photos of 3 dilapidated houses; they will be moving forward with inspection warrants.

Public Comment- Mark Meints thanked the city for getting the power shut off and a couple of other fire departments for their help with the fire Tuesday evening.

Jayden Borns was in attendance to discuss the lineman position, which he had applied for. Jayden just finished working for Lincoln Electric System and is eager to come to a small community that will offer more opportunities for one-on-one learning and gain more experience in other areas.

Motion by Curt, seconded by Max, to accept the hiring of Jayden Borns. Motion carried 4-0.

There was much discussion on the police department and coordinating Southern School Resource officer with Wymore Patrol Duties. This is still in the planning stages, and no agreement has been put on paper. The PDAC (Police Department Advisory Committee) advises moving forward with this cooperative opportunity. This position would be through the sheriff's office. Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to allow PDAC to review the contract for cooperative efforts between the City of Wymore, Southern Schools and Gage County sheriff for school resource officer and patrolling.

Motion carried 4-0. The PDAC also brought to the table the idea of hiring a recruiting agency to help with the search for open positions in the Police Department. The PDAC would like to be involved in the whole process from the applications to the interview. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to allow PDAC to pursue a recruiting agency for the police department for the City of Wymore. Motion carried 4-0.

The council discussed what to do with the tax levy. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to keep the taxes the same, that number would be reflected in what the county's number is. Motion carried 4-0.

Pam Gerdes and Lawrence Mallam were in attendance to discuss the Cemetery Association. Attorney Carothers explained requirements as far as statues. Current members of the cemetery board would keep their responsibilities. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve Attorney Carothers to draft articles of dissolution for the cemetery association. Motion carried 4-0.

During discussion of the Cemetery Thomas Grant, Pam Gerdes asked for direction on how to go about applying for the Grant now. Attorney Carothers stated that it must be a 501c that applies for the grant, that would name the city as the grant applicant. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to go forward with grant application through the Thomas Foundation. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 9:00pm

Collin Meints, Mayor

Krystal Rutti
Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk