

City Council Meeting August 21, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on August 21, 2024, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Claims & Payroll except check #28720. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check #28720. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Building-Attorney Carothers reported on the Gambles Building downtown, he is going to reach out to Tiemann's and Marlene Nickell to see how much more is going to be taken out of the building, if it is not clean the material will have to go to the landfill at a higher rate. Marlene has a deadline of September 1, 2024, to get things cleaned out.

Public Comment- Attorney Carothers stated that the Planning and Zoning committee met this evening to discuss vacating 18th street from E to F and F street from 17th to 18th.

Discussion in that meeting included if any property would be landlocked or if this would stifle future development. The Planning & Zoning Committee made a non-binding recommendation to vacate those streets. The city will need to get easement. When everything is in place we will move forward. Max inquired into where are going with the cats. Attorney Carothers replied that the Beatrice Humane Society is going to move forward with the Spay and Neuter Program, with a letter of support from the city. It sounds like they are planning to come to a council meeting in September to give an update on the clinic.

Amy Mason and Beth Williams were present to represent Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, they handed out flyers about the different services that are provided to residents of Wymore, with a breakdown of the number of people taking advantage of those services.

Transportation was one topic of discussion, Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging has transportation available to take people to where they need to go, not just to Beatrice, and it is available for people of all ages. They have taken people to Lincoln and Omaha. Most insurance companies will pay for the transportation to doctor appointments. The meals on wheels program are delivered by volunteers, but the meals are available to everyone, the cost for people under the age of 60 is \$9. They are working on some programs to get people back to dining in their dining rooms, which is nice to be able to socialize with neighbors.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to approve match funds support of \$1320.00 to Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging. Motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff Gustafson presented the Mayor and Council with a handout of call information that has happened during the two-month period since Chief Martinez left the Wymore Police department. Sheriff Gustafson discussed the different calls, and other services like business door checks and the school resource officer, that are provided by the sheriff department. Sheriff Gustafson answered questions asked by the council. Council thanked Sheriff Gustafson for services provided to our community and expressed appreciation for the communication with them. Sheriff Gustafson is willing to do an annual report, we just need to contact him.

Tim Sedlacek presented a couple bids, for plumbing, for the new bathroom at Arbor State Park. The council discussed the two bids with Tim. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to accept Lauby's bid for the Arbor State Bathroom. Motion carried 4-0.

The Church of Christ would like to use an area of Arbor State Park, behind the old icehouse to host a bonfire, concerns were discussed. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to allow the Church of Christ to host a bonfire in Arbor State Park, if the fire department issues a burn permit. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek discussed maintenance items that need to be done at the swimming pool. Discussion included the shallow side leaking 6000 gallons of water per day and the main pool pump. Tim wanted to bring this to the council's attention since it will be a larger amount. Max agrees the repair and maintenance needs done and we should move forward with those items.

Tim Sedlacek presented an estimate from Sargent Drilling for repairs to well 9. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to accept the quote from Sargent Drilling for well 9 repairs. Motion carried 4-0.

The property at 408 N 8th Steet was discussed. Tim would like to find a way to condemn this property before someone else moves in there. Attorney Carothers asked for photos of the problem areas. Attorney Carothers will get a letter sent to ask for permission to inspect the property.

Sue made the motion to adjourn at 8:17pm

Mayor Collin Meints

Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk