

City Council Meeting August 4, 2021

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on August 4, 2021, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Milton Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Neil VanBoening, Max Allen, Sue Sapp, and City Attorney Andy Carothers. Council member Curt Oblinger was not in attendance. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, Arbor State Pharmacy, and 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.

Max made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21st council meeting and the July 28th budget meeting. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Max made a motion to approve claims and payroll except for checks 24216 and 24273. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sue made a motion to approve checks 24216 and 24273. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0 with Max abstaining.

Max made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment:

Sue stated she had a customer who was disappointed about the pool closing early on the day before the meeting. Tim Sedlacek stated it may have been because the air temperature was below 72 degrees. Pool hours are noon to 8 pm.

Dilapidated buildings:

Andy Carothers reported the notice of condemnation of the Gambles building at 207 South 7th St. has been prepared and will be served soon. The owners will then need to vacate the premises immediately and will have 60 days to do something with the building. There was discussion on what will need to be done if they choose not to do anything with the building. Tim Sedlacek had met with the owner of the property at 301 S. 15th St. who declined to pay any more of the back taxes but will sell the property to the City for \$1.00. There are approximately \$823.00 in back taxes. There will be a public hearing on the acquisition of the property at 301 South 15th St. at the August 18th City Council Meeting.

Business:

The first item of business was to approve a new Regional Manager for Casey's General Store. Andy said the Wymore Police Department had done a background check on Krystal M. Carter and found nothing of significance. Sue made a motion to approve Krystal M. Carter as the new regional manager for Casey's General Store. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Andy presented the new rental agreement for the McCandless Park Concession Stand. The rental agreements will be administered through the City Office at least until we find out how often it will be rented. Alcohol will be allowed by request inside the facility. Neil asked if the Park Board agreed, and Tim stated they did. Max made a motion to accept the rental agreement as drafted. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Max reported the Fire truck Committee had met at the firehall on Thursday July 29th to go over the specs on a new fire truck to be built. A proposal was presented by Mark Meints and Greg Stofer. It is on file at the City Office. After much discussion the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Mark Meints requested approval to sell the 1983 Ford Laverne Fire truck which is owned jointly by the City and Rural Fire. They will need to have approval from Rural Fire as well. Andy will put together a resolution to sell the fire truck and the police car that is being taken out of service and present it for approval at the next council meeting.

There was discussion regarding Wymore Fire Rescue Truck-61. There was no insurance company found that covered the company that sold us the truck. This matter was tabled until the next council meeting.

The 2020 Fiscal Year Audit has been submitted and was presented to Council. It will be placed on the next agenda for approval by Council. We also received a letter from Schultz and Associates that they will no longer be able to meet our needs for auditing. Andy stated he will visit with Blobaum and Busboom from Fairbury. They represent several other municipalities in the area.

There was discussion about budgets. EMS stated that they are looking into changing billing companies as the current billing company is not working out. There was also discussion around the use of the ARPA funds and if there would be any COVID related FEMA funds coming in.

Sue made a motion to adjourn. Max seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Milton Pike/Mayor

Janet Riensche/City Clerk