

City Council Meeting August 5, 2026

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on August 5, 2026, in the Wymore Community Center. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Sue Sapp, Max Allen, Curt Oblinger and Neil Van Boening. City Attorney Andrew Carothers was also present. 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 and on the City Website. 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 15, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve the minutes from the budget meeting on July 22, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except checks number 31543, 31555, and 31609. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve checks number 31543, and 31609. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check number 31555. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: Andy sent a request for entry to inspect for 320 S 9th St. The current owners have 14 days to respond. If they don't respond in that time we will take the next step in County Court.

There was no Public Comment.

Shawna Argo introduced EMS Applicant McKensie Regler. The EMS board approved her application at their meeting on Monday. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve McKensie Regler as a new member of Wymore EMS. Motion carried 4-0.

Several members of the community were recognized for their part in saving Rick Paben from a heart attack at the Wymore Country Club. Presenting the award was Evon Koeppen and Shawna Argo Wymore EMS Chief. Preston Meyer was awarded a certificate of appreciation from Wymore EMS, Fred Naumann IV, & Halley Schank (Gage County Sheriff's Office), Mark Meints, Collin Meints, & Bryan Heckman (Wymore Fire) Max Allen, Jeff Argo, & Shawna Argo, (Wymore EMS) and Tiffany Carnahan, Brian Jelinek and Jake Yurka (Beatrice Fire and Rescue), were presented with the Code Save Award for their action at Wymore Country Club. The Star Care Flight Crew was also recognized. Shawna also thanked Preston's employer Norris Public Power for giving Preston the training in CPR that saved Rick's life. Congratulations to you all.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt, to recess the meeting at 7:18 pm for pictures. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt, to call the meeting back to order at 7:27 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt, to approve support for the Blue Rivers Area Agency of Aging in the amount of \$1,320.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to table the discussion on TIF financing to the first meeting in September. Motion carried 4-0.

Andy updated the Council that Municipal Code Services is working on re-codifying our code book working through what we have on line. Someone will be meeting with Janet at the City office next week to get any new ordinances that have not been updated on line.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to table the discussion about the Police Department Insurance Settlement to the next meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03. City Attorney Andrew Carothers read Resolution 2026-03. WHEREAS, pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411* of the Nebraska Open

Meetings Act, the Governing Body is required to give reasonable notice of the time and place of meeting by a method designated by the Governing Body and recorded in its minutes; and WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to provide notice of its meeting by publishing notice in the Fairbury Journal News, posting notice on the City of Wymore's website, and posting notice in three conspicuous public places within the corporate limits of the City of Wymore. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wymore, Nebraska, that notice of City Council meetings shall be given by publishing notice in the Fairbury Journal News, posting notice on the City of Wymore's website, and posting notice in the following three locations: Wymore City Office, 115 West "E" Street, Wymore, NE 68466; Wymore Post Office, 119 West "F" Street, Wymore, NE 68466; and Arbor State Pharmacy, 303 South 13th Street, Wymore, NE 68466. Passed and approved this 5th day of August 2026. Signed Collin Meints, Mayor and Janet Riensche, City Clerk. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to Table the discussion about the water service as 212 N 11 hook up to new main. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to approve Resolution 2026-04 authorizing Mayor Meints to sign Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Attorney Carothers read Resolution 2026-04. Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards; and Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification. Be it resolved that the Mayor of the City of Wymore is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Adopted this 5th day of August, 2026 at Wymore Nebraska. Motion carried 4-0.

Police Chief Mike Rath reported that he has three applicants for police officers. One is certified. He asked that the Police Department Advisory Committee be eliminated and a hiring committee be formed in its place, consisting of two from the committee, one business person from the community, School and community. Attorney Carothers will draft a repealer ordinance for the first meeting in September. The Council gave their consent by consensus to move ahead with the background checks on the applicants.

Neil VanBoening reported that he learned for the ride along he recently took with Chief Rath. Mike invited others to come on a ride along.

Janet Riensche presented the Council with records of transfers made to the EMS Special Money Market Account over the last three years and an updated balance.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to table the approval of the Departmental Budget Requests to the first meeting in September.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Street Project Draw Down # 6 Community Development Block Grant 23-PWI-012 and allow Mayor Meints to sign it. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk