

City Council Meeting August 7, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on August 7, 2024, 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 not 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 Sue to approve the minutes from July 17th and July 30th. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve claims and payroll except checks number 28641, 28657, 28667 & 26882. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to approve checks number 28641 & 28657. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve check 28667. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check 28682. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: Max asked for an update on the building down town. There has been very little progress. The owner has until the end of September. Tim Sedlacek stated the contractor plans to clean is out with roll offs before demolishing it to vacate the building. There was discussion about the recent house fire and the house that burned a year ago on north 11th St. Tim will try to get ahold of the owner of the house on 8th to ask about her plans.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Business:

Discussion was held about the request for support for the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging. Motion by Max seconded by Curt to Continue support for Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$1320.00 to continue the service for our senior citizens. After some discussion the council would like to have a representative here. Max retracted his motion. This item will be on the next agenda.

There was no action on the reversal of charges – Troxel.

The Fire Department and Police Department budgets were discussed as Mark was out of town at the time of the Budget Meeting. Mark explained each increase. Max would like the work done by the Utilities Department on abatements to be billed to the Police Department. Tim Sedlacek stated that some of the cost for mowing and weed control will be invoiced those responsible for the properties. This should defray some of that expense. Mark will do a full inventory of guns and equipment. Janet will find out what has been spent

out of MFO since 2020.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue, to accept the requested Departmental Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to accept Resolution 2024-02 Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Mark Meints explained the new 3&33 Mutual Aid Agreement is an addendum to the existing 3&33. This would allow for assistance with fires outside our district. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to accept the 3&33 Mutual Aid agreement and have the Mayor sign it. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance and Abatement Letters were discussed. Tim Sedlacek stated we have sent out 43 letters. Of those 6 did not comply. Some mowing has been done by the city and bills will be sent out. He also stated there are a lot more to go. The Council thanked Tim and the Utilities employees for the great work.

Tim reported that due to the recent HUD report the City is no longer eligible for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The report states we are under the threshold 51% Low to Moderate Income (LMI). Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) will do a survey for us. Our only fees will be for the hard costs like stamps and envelopes. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to move forward with SENDD preparing an income survey for the City of Wymore to qualify for CDBG grants. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to send up to 4 members of the EMS to the Southeast Community College EMS Mini Conference in Hebron on August 17, 2024, and pay mileage and the registration fee. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to send members of the EMS to the 21st Annual Bryan trauma Symposium in Lincoln and pay mileage and the cost of the training. Motion carried 4-0.

Neil brought LB 1118 to the city councils' attention which was passed on July 19th. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to have City Attorney Andrew Carothers look at our ordinances and make us compliant with LB 1118. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek brought two bids (Lammel's Plumbing and Lauby Plumbing) to the council for plumbing the new bathroom at the Arbor State Park. This item was tabled to the next meeting.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk