

City Council Meeting December 18, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on December 18, 2024, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Max Allen, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. City Attorney Andy Carothers was also in attendance. Council person Sue Sapp was absent. 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.

Councilman Neil Van Boening asked if there was an update on the I Am Responding issue with Southeast Communications. Attorney Carothers will set up a meeting to try to find out more information. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilman Neil Van Boening inquired about the future direction of the cemetery claims activity. Attorney Carothers has asked Janet Riensche and Krystal Rutti to look through the files at the city office to find a resolution. Attorney Carothers has also asked Dawn Hill to check the records at the County Courthouse. Moving forward, all claims for the cemetery need to come through the city like all other departments. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve Claims & Payroll except check # 29222. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve check # 29222. Motion carried 3-1 with Mayor Meints voting yes and Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Building- Bockmann Inc has completed the asbestos inspection on the Gambles Building, there is asbestos present. Attorney Carothers asked for council approval on the proposal for removal. Tiemann has asked for Hazel Percival and Adam Cook to sign a hold harmless agreement that he is not responsible for damages. Adam Cooks building is starting to fall in on the north wall that same way the Gambles building did, the roof has also fallen in and is laying on the second floor. Attorney Carothers will have a draft contract for Adam Cook to sign. The asbestos at 518 N 11th has been removed and the house is ready for demolition. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to accept the bid from Bockmann Inc for the asbestos removal in the amount of \$10,145.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Meints introduced Nicholas Beekman who was approved by the fire department members at their meeting. Nick answered questions from the council. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve Nicholas Beekman as a new member to the Wymore Fire Department. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve Janet to attend Clerks Institute and Academy and SEACA meetings 2/20/25, 4/17/25, 8/21/25, 10/16/25 and 12/11/25. Hosting 4/17/25 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion on Fire B & E, Money Market and MFO has been tabled until the 1/15/25 meeting.

City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek updated the Council on some of the utility vehicles involved in the fire. It is possible that a couple vehicles might be totaled.

City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek also gave an update on city building from the fire. Larm is going to insulate and heat the north shop. Attorney Carothers is going to rework the contract work authorization proposal. Motion by Max seconded by Neil that after review of the contract and changes are made and agreed upon, we allow Mayor Meints to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-0.

City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek met with SENDD to look at the locations for Housing Development Grant. The best location is next to the Park House. SENDD will be the general

contractor, we can use local contractors for the project. Councilman Max Allen would like to see that location as an expansion of the park. Councilman Neil Van Boening agreed that would be nice to have additional property for the park, but he understands what Tim says about it being a good location for the project. It would be nice to have a good response on the first. Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to approve using the city owned lot next to the park for the SENDD Housing Development Grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Meints would like to appoint Tim Sedlacek as the Public Works Superintendent. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to support Mayor Meints appointing Tim Sedlacek as Public Works Superintendent. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max to adjourn at 7:51pm.

Mayor Collin Meints

Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk