

Wymore City Council Regular Meeting December 2, 2020

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on December 2, 2020, in the Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Pike. Present were Councilpersons Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, Max Allen, and Neil VanBoening and City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, Arbor State Pharmacy, and the City Office. Notice was given to the Mayor and Council and their acknowledgement of receipt is attached. All other proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Sue, second by Max, to accept minutes from November 18th meeting. Carried 4-0

Motion by Max, second by Curt, to approve claims and payroll, except check #23214. Carried 4-0

Motion by Sue, second by Curt, to approve check #23214. Carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Curt, second by Sue, to approve Treasurer's Report. Carried 4-0

Public Comment:

Chief Tony Shepardson said the seatbelt grant went well. There was a total of 12 stops which ended in 6 warnings and 6 equipment repairs warnings.

Mark Meints requested that we add roof/gutter repair for the fire department to the next council meeting.

Tim shared that 10/11 was in town this evening to film a story on the downtown Christmas lights. It will air on Pure Nebraska Fri. Dec. 4th at 9AM.

City Attorney Carothers administered the Oath of Office to Sue Sapp and Max Allen as they begin a new term on city council.

Brad Slaughter was in attendance to present information on Pool Bond and Water Loan Refinancing. Since sharing information at the last council meeting Brad had been in contact with someone from the state on the possibility of the city being eligible for any loan forgiveness programs in the near future. The state has no plans for any loan forgiveness programs at this time and encouraged us to complete the refinance. Brad shared that we are at 60 year low as far as interest rates and we will only see them rise from here. He estimated the city will save about \$45,000 on the pool bond and \$95,000-\$100,000 on the water loan. Due to the structuring of the current loans, all 3 cannot be rolled into one, instead the pool bond will remain on its own, while the other 2 water loans will be combined.

Motion by Max, second by Sue, to introduce and adopt Resolution 2020-15. Resolution 2020-15, a resolution authorizing the redemption of the city's outstanding general obligation refunding bonds, series 20212, was introduced and read by Carothers motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Neil to suspend the required 3 readings of Ordinance 662. Motion carried 4-0.

Carothers read Ordinance 662, the issuance of general obligation swimming pool refunding bonds, series 2021, in the amount of \$750,000.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve ordinance 662. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to introduce and pass Resolution 2020-16. Resolution 2020-16, known as the Water Refunding Bond, introduced and read by Carothers, motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Max to suspend the required 3 readings of Ordinance 663. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to introduce and pass Resolution 2020-17. Resolution 2020-17, known as the NDE Water Bond, was introduced and read. Motion carried 4-0.

Carothers read Ordinance 663.

Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve Ordinance 663, the issuance of a general obligation water refunding bond, series 2021, in the amount of \$1,015,000. Motion carried 4-0.

The state requires yearly certification from municipalities designating a street superintendent. Motion by Max, second by Sue to introduce and adopt Resolution 2020-14, which designates Keith Gilmore as street superintendent. Resolution read and motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Curt to nominate Sue Sapp for City Council President for 2021. Motion carried 3-0, with Sue abstaining.

Mayor Pike read through the board members for 2021. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve the slate of appointed officials and commission and board members for 2021. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on the progress on dilapidated buildings around town. Andy shared that Mainstreet Bank is working with the Berwyn Jones' Trust, which owns the building to the South of the bank. They are trying to agree on terms to get that building taken down. At the next City Council meeting there will be 2 public hearings on the city acquiring the properties located at 112 N 7th and 301 N 8th.

Motion by Max to adjourn at 8:30PM.

Milton Pike/Mayor

Melissa Wach/Deputy City Clerk