

City Council Meeting December 20, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on December 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Present were Council persons Max Allen, Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. City Attorney Andy Carothers was also 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. 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 minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except check # 27804. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check # 27804. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Public Comment: Gordon Michaelis expressed his appreciation of the Christmas lights and how well they looked with the street lights turned off at the cruise night. Don Schuller (Gage County Supervisor) was in attendance to encourage participation in a survey about the need to upgrade 5 bridges in gage county, one of which is the Blue River Bridge in Blue Springs. They need citizen participation to help improve the chances of getting the grant. He stated Emily Haxby the County supervisor who is heading up the initiative plans to print post cards with a QR code link to the survey.

Business:

Angela Meyer from the Track Committee was in attendance to request permission to move some of the funds from the Track Fund Account to a CD to earn more interest. When asked how long the term of the CD was she requested 24 months. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to move approximately 148,000.00 from the Track Fund account to a CD to make more interest for 24 months. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve the contract with Dr. Jason Kruger as the EMS medical director. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Meints presented the list of boards and committees with a few changes. It was discovered that two members (Betty Johnson and Joh Palmquist) had resigned from the Housing Authority in past years. Steve Witwer has been serving on that committee. Bob Ossowski is the Resident Advisor to the Housing Authority. There are 2 more voting members needed on that committee. On the Board of Adjustments Nancy Bond no longer lives in the city and Janice Cohorst has agreed to take her place. Max will replace Curt on the Finance Committee and Curt will replace Max on the Fire/EMS Committee. On the Fire Department Board Brice Kotinek will replace Matt Mittan as Assistant Truck Foreman. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve the 2024 appointments with the modifications to the boards and committees. Motion carried 4-0.

The Per Diem policy was discussed, and it was reiterated that receipts must be turned in with the request for reimbursement. City credit cards are not to be used to cover expenses such as meals. The per diem rate was raised to \$50 per day at the December 6th Council Meeting.

Tim Sedlacek was called out for a power outage and requested his items be moved. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to table items E, F and G (Financial Software, Fairbury Glass Estimate CC Door, and Grid Resilience Grant Preliminary Project Proposal). Motion carried 4-0.

Shawna Argo would like to get registered for the NMSEA Conference in Kearney in March as soon as possible. Motion by Max to send six members of EMS to the NMSEA Conference in Kearney March 7-10, 2023 and pay for registration, mileage, lodging and meals. There was a question about Max abstaining since he is on EMS and could potentially benefit from the motion. Max rescinded his motion. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve sending six members of the EMS to the NMSEA Conference in

Kearney March 7-10, 2023 and pay for registration, mileage, lodging and meals. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Shawna Schwartz requested permission to renew the EMS Subscription to I Am Responding for \$810.00 for one year. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve the EMS Subscription to I Am Responding for one year. Motion carried 4-0.

Shawna presented a purchase order agreement with North Central Emergency Vehicles for a new ambulance. Mayor Meints asked if this was Single Source, if not it needs to be put out for bids. Shawna was unsure. Shawna stated the ARPA Grant funds requires the purchase agreement be signed by Dec 31, 2023. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to table the approval of the purchase agreement until we know if it is One Source. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk