

### City Council Meeting December 3, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on December 3, 2025, in the Wymore Community Center. 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 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. 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 of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except checks 30616, 30621, 30624, 30648 & 30650. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check numbers 30616 & 30650. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve check 30621. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve checks 30624 & 30648. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: Attorney Andy Carothers reported the Judge had granted inspection warrants on three residential properties in town. Chet McGrury will be down Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> to do the inspections. Tim will ask him to also inspect one other house. Tim Sedlacek (Utility Superintendent) reported the asbestos inspection was done on 422 N 7<sup>th</sup> and the trailer was clean.

Public Comment: Neil expressed appreciation for the city staff for putting up the Christmas Lights. Tim stated the new Christmas tree has been put up. There will be ornaments coming for the tree as well.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to open the public hearing about setting a maximum for employee appreciation dinner and gift. Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Carothers explained the State Statutes allowing for an employee appreciation dinner and gift. By State Statute the Employee appreciation dinner can not exceed fifty dollars a plate. In the past the city has given our hams, meat bundles and community cash with a value of \$50 for full-time and \$25 for current part-time employees. Max asked if there was a limit on the gift. Andy stated that there is not one set by state statute. Hearing no further comments or questions from the public Sue made a motion, seconded by Max to close the public hearing. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to set the employee appreciation gift at \$50 community cash for full-time and \$25 for part-time employees. Motion carried 4-0.

Joshua Leseberg was not present and will not be put back on the agenda until he contacts us.

Roy Lauby's food bank fundraiser was discussed. Neil expressed concerns about using taxpayer dollars to donate. The council felt it would be improper to use taxpayer dollars to donate to any cause. Individuals should donate on their own.

Applying for another Down Town Revitalization Grant was discussed. Two potential properties down town were discussed. Andy and Tim will contact the property owners concerning moving forward. Concern was expressed about the city paying for demolition on property that is not owned by the city.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to re-elect Susan Sapp Council President. Motion carried 4-0.

Max presented the list of 2025-26 EMS elected officers. Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to approve the EMS 2025-2026 Officers as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to appoint Even Wickersham with JEO Consulting City of Wymore Street Superintendent for 2026 and authorize Mayor Meints to sign the agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue, to appoint JEO Group City Engineers and authorize Mayor Meints to sign the engagement letter. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointment of Boards and Committees: Mayor Meints stated he will need to replace Rod Warford on the Board of Adjustments. Neil reported that the Police Department Advisory Committee **has three members (Neil VanBoening, Lisa Munsterman and Ted Huls)** who would like to stay on. Krystal Rutti, Jackie Borzekofski and Kelly Garcia have requested to be removed. One other member has not gotten back to him yet. After discussion it was decided to reduce the number of members on that board from nine to five. Andy will work of amending that ordinance. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve the Board and

Committees with the modifications to the Board of Adjustments and the Police Department Advisory Committee as discussed. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek asked what the council would like to do about the Morris Foundation Grant we received last year. Andy will check into a Thomas Grant. Terry from JEO will be coming down to discuss a CCCFF (Civic and Community Center Financing Fund) Grant.

There was discussion about a possible hiring bonus for the Police Department. Neil reported that the Police Department Advisory Committee has not met so have no recommendations yet. Mark Meints reported that he has reached out to other communities and shared what Alliance does. Lisa Munsterman asked if we have had any new applications. Collin and Mark both said no. Max would like the PDAC to look at the possibility. Mark Meints reported he has some cabinets ordered for the Police Department and they came in today. They have a desk and computer.

Max Allen asked the council extend the Physician Medical Director's contract with Dr. Jason Kruger for another year. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve renewing the Physician Medical Director's contract with Dr. Jason Kruger for another year. Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Carothers suggested the council have Nebraska Municipal Code Services recodify our municipal code book to make sure we are compliant with current state statutes. They will not work with us on our zoning regulations because they are around 25 years old. He suggested we check into having a new comprehensive plan done. Motion by Neil, second by Max to move forward with Nebraska Municipal Code Services. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn by Sue at 8:42 PM.

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Collin Meints, Mayor

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Janet Riensche, City Clerk