

## City Council Meeting February 2, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on February 2, 2022 in council chambers. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Curt Oblinger, Sue Sapp, Max Allen, Neil VanBoening and City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, Wymore Arbor State, and the City office. Notice was given to the Mayor and Council and their acknowledgement is attached. All proceedings shown were taken while meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve the minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with the provision of adding Andy Carothers name as present. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve the minutes from the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve claims/payroll except checks #24936, 24958, 24961. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve checks #24936, #24958, and #24961. Motion carried 3-0, Max abstained. Motion by Curt, second by Sue to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried 4-0.

The cemetery board provides a treasurer's report for the cemetery at the beginning of each month. The report includes receipts and expenditures. Sue stated she would like to see a more detailed report. Mayor suggested we ask for more detailed information.

Mark Meints was present. He and the fire department wanted to thank the community and all involved who assisted with the fire at Hope Wymore last week.

Andy gave an update on dilapidated buildings. He has completed the city's Thomas Foundation grant application. We will be requesting a \$50,000 grant to go towards demolition of the Gambles building downtown and possibly the building next to it. Andy will continue pursuing building owners' sharing in demo costs.

Chelsea Rakes attended the meeting to give the board an update on what she plans to do with the storage unit sitting on the hotel property, that is against city ordinances. She explained to council they are using it while remodeling the rooms so they have a dry airtight place to store furniture and mattresses. Their timeline to get the last 3 rooms finished is 6 months, so they asked council if they would consider letting them leave it there for that long. Council members had discussion on amending the ordinance, to include something that states the public could apply and ask for council permission to use storage containers on a temporary basis if working on a construction/remodel project. Mayor and council agree this is something that should be discussed again in the future.

Council held a brief discussion on pay for Interim Chief Schachtschabel. Motion by Neil, second by Sue to increase Interim Chief Schachtschabel's pay to \$28.09/hour, retroactive to his date of appointment as interim chief, Dec. 22, 2021. Motion carried 4-0.

Interim Chief Schachtschabel gave an update on the police department. He has completed all policies that need to be written for accreditation and given them to Andy to look over. He has gotten all reporting from the 2021 year done on the NIBRS system. Mark also shared that the community colleges in the state are working on curriculum in order to help departments meet the 80 hour training requirement for new officers, according to LB 51. Greg Lauby was in attendance and shared about some upcoming hearings taking place at the capital on new bills that might make small changes to LB 51. He wanted to encourage council members and public to attend.

Tim Sedlacek presented the board with some possibilities of payment for the downtown curb and sidewalk project. Only one bid was received, and council had asked for some detailed information on how the project could be paid for. No bid yet on electrical work that would be needed. Tim will continue to reach out for bids on electrical and he encouraged council members to review the project details, the numbers and be ready to decide on project at next meeting. Tabled until Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

Alvin Martin was present to request permission to serve alcohol at an upcoming wedding/reception being held at the community center. Alvin assured council it is a private event, invite only, will be a small group of family and friends. They will not be charging for alcohol and although they don't anticipate any minors attending, they will be monitoring so no minors are drinking. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Alvin Martin to serve alcohol from 2pm-2am on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 inside the community center only, as no beer garden will be in use. Motion carried 4-0.

Jordan Koerwitz was present to request permission to serve alcohol at an upcoming rehearsal, wedding, and reception on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the community center. They do plan to use the beer garden both days as well. It is a private event, invite only, and they will have people monitoring to make sure minors are not drinking alcohol. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Jordan Koerwitz and Emily Vanhauen to serve alcohol from 2pm-2am on both April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 in the community center and beer garden. Motion carried 4-0.

Don Schuller was at the board meeting. He would like to introduce an idea to the county board of supervisors to rezone the county, ultimately having a northern portion and southern portion. His reasoning behind this idea is to rezone southern gage county which could lead to approving future wind farms. There was discussion between Don, council members and the public in attendance. At this time he is just asking for anyone who supports the idea to let the county board of supervisors know.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Janet attending the upcoming SEACA meeting in Gretna, with reimbursement of mileage. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim presented council members with information on an AARP grant. This grant is intended to be used to make community improvements, especially those that have a positive impact on older community members. Tim would like to apply for the grant to put in handicap parking behind the fire department for the senior diners. Motion by Neil, second by Max to approve Tim applying for the AARP grant for parking area north of the fire department. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark shared with council that the forestry service has a 1997 Chevy truck available for \$3,000. Mark has the funds in his budget for the truck. They would use it as a temporary vehicle to haul equipment until their newly purchased firetruck arrives. This would not be split between city/rural and when the fire department is done with it they return it to the forestry service.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

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Milton Pike, Mayor

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Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk