

City Council Meeting February 21, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on February 21, 2024, in the Council Chambers. 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. 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 to approve the minutes from the last meeting by Max, seconded by Sue. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Max, seconded by Curt. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to approve claims and payroll except checks 27978, 28003, and 28011 by Max, seconded by Sue. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to approve check #27978 by Max, seconded by Sue. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Motion to approve check #28003 by Sue, seconded by Curt. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion to approve check #28011 by Sue, seconded by Curt. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Dilapidated buildings were discussed. Andy Carothers (City Attorney) stated that the Gambles building was not listed on the Nebraska Historical Society Registry. Andy has reached out to the owner of the property to get her to comply by Friday, that way all the paperwork can get sent on to NDEE, and we can move forward with getting it demolished. The grant can be used if the city owns that property or if the current owner still owns the property.

Public Comment- Neil had received a compliment, from a resident, stating how good of a job the city workers did on snow removal and on the Christmas Lights downtown. Thank you to you and your staff Tim.

Business:

Andy Carothers read the first reading of ordinance 676. Rob Davis asked what the rate of increase from the cities suppliers was from last year to this year, he was given a copy of the rate study so he can read up on it and understand the reason for the increase. Rob also asked if there was a way to cut back in other departments to make it, so the town doesn't have to pay more on their bills. Max explained that the income from the lights is what pays for all the improvements around town, we get some grant money, but the income is what keeps the city operating. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve the first reading of Ordinance 676 Electric Rate Ordinance. Motion carried 4-0.

Andy Carothers presented the council with the preposed Zito Franchise ordinance 677, if Zito signs off on it, then it will be put on the agenda for the March 6th meeting.

Motion made by Sue at 7:57 to adjourn.

Collin Meints, Mayor

Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk