

## Wymore City Council Meeting February 3, 2021

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on February 3, 2021, in the Community Center. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Present were councilpersons Max Allen, Sue Sapp, Neil VanBoening, Curt Oblinger, 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 Max, second by Sue to approve the minutes from the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve claims and payroll except for checks #23415 and #23446. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve checks #23415 and #23446. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve the treasurer's report

### Public Comment:

Gage County Supervisor Don Schuller attended the meeting. He wanted to thank everyone in the area for their support and votes. He would like for everyone to know if they have any questions or concerns that he could help with they should feel free to reach out to him.

On behalf of the pharmacy and their customers, Sue wanted to say a thank you to the city employees for their hard work in clearing the streets downtown during and after the recent snow storm. She said their hard work was very appreciated.

Max stated the local ambulance is having issues. Shawna Schwartz, EMS Chief, shared that it has been to the dealership twice and they are unable to figure out what the problem is. Anthony Troxel was also present, said they have looked at a couple ambulances. They have priced a smaller one, which could be used as a back up unit as well as a brand new one. Shawna said they have an appointment at a dealership in Lincoln on Thursday, hoping to find the problem. She has asked at this time that the invoice be held, since the ambulance is still not in working order. We will also add it to the agenda for the next meeting.

Chief Shepardson was present to share with the council a press release that will be published in the Arbor State soon. The Wymore Police Department received an email a couple months back from Middlebury, VT seeking assistance as they were working on an unsolved homicide from the 1930s, which could have ties to Wymore. Mark Meints who assisted in the investigation spoke about the case briefly. Chief Shepardson stated he wanted to share the press release with the council first, and more details will be printed in the newspaper soon.

Fire Chief Mark Meints presented the council with a report showing which members of the FD qualified to receive the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Tax Credit. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Fire Department Report. Motion carried 4-0.

Information regarding insurance coverage of the softball field in Blue Springs was shared with the council. Roy Lauby was present, asking for reimbursement to the BSBDA for repairs made to a dugout roof. There was some discussion about annual premiums and previous insurance claims. Motion made by Sue, second by Max to reimburse BSBDA for the repair to the dugout roof. Motion carried 4-0.

At the previous council meeting Mayor Pike requested that Tim Sedlacek and councilperson Neil VanBoening meet to review available funds for a new bathroom in Arbor State Park. Mayor Pike asked

for an update. Neil shared that he and Tim had met and reviewed finances. Neil had also spoke with some community members who are supportive of replacing the bathroom. Neil shared some pros and cons that he felt were important to consider. Ultimately, time is short, general public is in favor of it, better use of funds to build new now, rather than make multiple repairs and then still need to build new. With funds available Mayor Pike and council members feel it should go back to park board and they should bring their proposal to the next council meeting.

Shawna presented Holly Troxel to be approved as a new member of EMS. Holly had been a member previously, but had to step down due to her work schedule. Now that her schedule allows she would like to rejoin. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Holly Troxel as a member of Wymore EMS. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

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Milton Pike, Mayor

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Melissa Wach, City Treasurer