

City Council Meeting February 4, 2026

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on February 4, 2026, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Max Allen, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. Council person Sue Sapp was absent. 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 Curt to approve the minutes for the last meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve Claims and Payroll except check numbers 30825, 30832, & 30849 with the correction of the Sales and Use Tax paid by ACH to the State of Nebraska for the amount of 9391.74 should have been 9691.74. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to approve check numbers 30825 & 30849. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining and Mayor Meints voting in Sue's absence.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve check number 30832. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining and Mayor Meints voting in Sue's absence.

Dilapidated Buildings: Attorney Adrew Carothers referred to an email he had sent to the Council that the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program has not been funded at this time by the State of Nebraska. We will need to find other means to finance the demolition of two downtown buildings.

Andy also would like to have Attorney Andrew Willis come to speak to the council about the Micro TIF program which could possibly be used by property owners to build new housing opportunities in the community on some of the lots we have demolished. Andy will also speak to Fred Wiebelhaus at LARM about the need for liability insurance on the properties the city has acquired.

Public Comment: Lawrence Mallam asked about the employee bonuses he read about in the paper, and why he didn't get one. Mayor Meints stated the oversight would be taken care of and he would receive the \$25.00 in Community Cash. Mallam then asked about the insurance Chad Kleavland was told he needed to carry as the cemetery mower. He stated that Chad is not willing to come back this year if he needs to carry insurance. Andy Carothers explained that as a contractor our insurance requires a certificate of insurance. He recommended having Chad call him to walk through the process. Neil asked if we had heard anything about the updating of the Code books. Andy stated he is working with Joe to come down for a meeting with the council. He stated it should be a separate meeting from the regular council meeting.

Angela Meyer was present to address staffing for the pool this year. She stated Jacque Borzekofski has agreed to be the Pool Manager again, for an increase in wage to \$20.00 an hour and being able to have a say in the hiring of the Assistant Manager. The Park Board would also like to raise the base wage for supervisors and lifeguards by a dollar each with a 25-cent increase for returning employees. They would like to leave the concession stand workers base pay at 8.00 per hour as an incentive for them to consider becoming lifeguards. The council was in favor of the changes but also discussed raising the wages in the future.

City Treasurer Krystal Rutti requested permission to sign up for the LONM Mid-Winter Conference recordings only. Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to approve City Treasurer Krystal Rutti's registration for the LONM Mid-Winter Conference Recordings only February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$410.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Council person Neil Van Boening requested permission to attend the Mid-Winter Conference and the lunch on Monday. He indicated to the council and mayor which session he was interested in. He stated he would drive himself and pay for his own parking. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve Neil's registration for the LONM Mid-Winter Conference in Lincoln with the lunch on Monday. Motion carried with Neil abstaining and Mayor Meints voting yes in Sue's absence.

The Sam Wymore Days Committee brought two bids to the council for the fireworks show. One would keep it the same price of 4500.00 but reduce the show. The other would keep the show the same but increase the price to 6000.00. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to accept the 6000.00 bid, for the Sam Wymore Days fireworks show to be paid out of Keno funds. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve the use of the Community Center, Park House, Parks and to close the South Camp Grounds for the Sam Wymore Days celebration including all necessary street closures. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Curt, seconded by Max to table the discussion of Education Approval for EMS to next meeting.  
Motion carried 3-0.

Police Department Report: Mark Meints reported the Dog Clinic is set for March 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. He also reported that he had received a couple more applications for the Police Department. One is not certified and the other is from out of state, but has not filled out a City of Wymore application yet. He would like the city to look into the settlement for the Police Department. Andy will call Fred Wiebelhaus at LARM.

Police Department Committee Report: Neil Van Boening stated they was nothing to report. They are waiting to see what happens with the current applicant.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to enter into executive session at 8:30 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

The council came out of executive session at 9:20 pm.

Motion by Max to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

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Collin Meints, Mayor

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Janet Riensche, City Clerk