

City Council Meeting February 5, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on February 5, 2025, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Sue Sapp, Max Allen, 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 Curt, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue, to approve claims and payroll except check numbers 29359, 29364 and 29367. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt, to approve check number 29359. Motion carried 3-0, with Max abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max, to approve check number 29364. Motion carried 3-0, with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max, to approve check number 29367. Motion carried 3-0, with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: Attorney Andy Carothers reported that there is an individual interested in buying the building at 203 South 7th Street along with a couple of others. He is going to have the individual meet with Tiemann's to discuss concerns over the demolition of the adjacent building at 207 South 7th. Andy also was able to meet with Marlene Nickell, who was unaware of the abatement that was to take place in her building. The remediation will be pushed back to the end of February with demolition to be in March.

There was no public comment.

Business:

The Bid Documents for the CDBG-23-PWI-012 Street Project were presented to the council for consideration. There were four companies who bid on the job with the lowest being Pavers. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to accept the bid from Pavers for CDBG Street Project 23-PWI-012, low bid of 568,333.80. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek, Utility Superintendent asked to move the discussion of JEO Strategic Plan Proposal to the next agenda.

Fire Department Cadet Applicant Isaiah Dahlkoetter was in attendance to answer any questions about his application. He is still in high school so he will be available before and after school and on weekends. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Isaiah Dahlkoetter as a new cadet on the Wymore Fire Department. Motion carried 4-0

The EMS contract with I Am Responding was up for renewal. Max stated there are still issues to work out with Beatrice Dispatch, but the department would like to go forward with the renewal for 1 year.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue, to approve the new contract with I Am Responding for 1 year.

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve the Fire Department Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act Nebraska Income Tax Credit Certification for 2024 reporting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve a letter of Commitment for Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging for the amount of \$1320.00, same as last year via email from Janet. Motion carried 4-0.

Utility Superintendent Tim Sedlacek reported on the clean up process of the city shop fire. He stated that Carlson Restoration is just about done. There is one more trailer to go through. Then they will close up the shop and run the O zone for a few days. Tim also presented the proposal from John Malarky from LARM on the vehicles. The list included buy back proposals on the totaled vehicles. Tim asked for guidance from the council of how much they would like to spend on a bucket truck. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to agree to a \$1000.00 downpayment on a bucket truck with a maximum cost of \$125,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek reported the county is looking at replacing the weather siren in McCandless park, due to the pole being unstable. They would like the City of Wymore to provide the 50-foot class 2 pole, labor to install the pole, electricity, and \$2500.00. The county has already approved the purchase of a new siren. The county and Tim have also discussed moving the pole out of McCandless Park. Several possible spots were discussed. They have a portable unit that Tim thinks they will bring down to test the spots to make sure the siren can be heard. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to buy the pole, and provide labor and electricity for the siren. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to allow all City Staff to attend the 811 Safety Summit on February 19th. Motion carried 4-0.

Report on Wymore Police Department: Council Person Neil Van Boening reported that Bryan Davidson is working on a letter like the one he sent out to other police departments in Nebraska in cities about our size to send to police departments in Kansas. Other discussion about the police department included a request for more transparency and an updated post on where the police department stands, from Lisa Munsterman. Thomas Smith was in attendance to inquire about his application and back ground check. He was told he needed to speak to Mark Meints who was not present. Attorney Andy Carothers stated the Police Department Advisory Committee needs to provide the Council with an analysis of the costs to keep and maintain a viable police department. Council Person Max Allen stated he is working on plans to incorporate a new police department office in the same building as the EMS. City Clerk Janet Riensche was asked to reach out to other clerks for a wage and benefits study of other cities. Lisa also brought to the Councils attention that the 2-year terms of the committee members was up. It was advised the committee needs to have a meeting to determine the interest of those on the committee to continue to serve, or if new members need to be appointed.

Tim Sedlacek reported the Morris Foundation awarded the City \$10,000.00 of the \$40,000.00 requested to replace the doors in the community center. He asked for guidance from the Council. Mayor Meints suggested Tim reach out to the administrator of the foundation to inquire if we could hold the money until we raise enough funds to complete the project.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 9:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Collin Meints, Mayor



Janet Riensche, City Clerk