

Special Council Meeting 1/12/2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session for a special meeting on January 12, 2022 in the Community Center. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present were Sue Sapp, Neil VanBoening, Max Allen, and Curt Oblinger. Also present were Interim Police Chief Jordan Schachtschabel, Mark Meints, Sheriff Gustafson, and Police Chief Bruce Lang. Notice of the meeting was given by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, Wymore Arbor State Pharmacy, and the City Office. Notice was given to the Mayor and Council and their acknowledgement of receipt is attached. The proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Mark Meints presented power point on history of the Wymore Police Department and current statistics on last years calls and hours worked. He spoke on the types of calls the police department handles and the increase of calls the last couple of years. Newly passed LB 51, has put a lot of new requirements on departments across the state.

Chief Lang and Sheriff Gustafson shared some of their department's experiences with implementing new requirements and what they view as the biggest challenges. They both agreed that there will be an increase in administrative tasks and initially departments have to be able to provide newly required policies.

There was a lot of discussion of different options that may need to be considered for the future of the department. Some of those options included hiring to fully staff the department like it has been ran in the past, reconfigure the department-maybe a different number of officers or different schedules, contract with the county at a cost to the city.

Those in attendance were able to ask questions of Chief Lang and Sheriff Gustafson, as well as Interim Chief Schachtschabel, Mark, and the city council. A lot of discussion was held on the pros and cons of different options, but no decision was made at the meeting. Council members do want updates on the police department to be included on all future agendas until a final decision is made.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to adjourn at 8:47 PM.

Milton Pike, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk