

City Council Meeting January 21, 2026

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on January 21, 2026, in the Council Chambers. Council president Sue Sapp 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. Mayor Collin Meints was absent. 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 Neil to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve claims and payroll except check #30783. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve check #30783. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings-Attorney Carothers informed the council that Cathy Rakes had come in before the meeting to sign a quitclaim deed for her property, that he will get filed in the morning. The council was provided with a copy of the complaint filed against AGC Enterprises, which is Adam Cooks LLC. We will be working with Adam to pay half of the 15% match if we get the Rural Revitalization Grant. The cost will be determined by how much asbestos is found inside the buildings. Attorney Carothers will check to see if either building downtown is on the National Registry of Historical places. Ron Thompson did the asbestos inspection on the 3 houses, the two on 10th street will have abatements.

Public Comment- No comments

Saphire Lowe was unable to attend this meeting. She asked to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

James Ullman was in attendance to ask for approval for an SDL for Sam Wymore Days beer garden on Saturday from 11-1. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve the SDL for Monica and James Ullman for Sam Wymore Days Saturday between the hours of 11-1 for beer garden. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to approve the annual certification for the volunteer emergency responder's incentive act for the 5 individuals who are listed. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meints informed the council that they had interviewed Timothy Anderson from Marysville, which he thought went well. The next step would be to have him do the medical/physical exam to go with his application for reciprocity to send it to the state. When asked about residency, Tim indicated that he would like to stay in Marysville to take care of family. During the interview Tim seemed like he wanted to be active in the community, flexible with his hours and willing to be here when he is needed. Motion by Neil, seconded by Max that we move forward with the process of testing for our applicant Tim Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

The police department advisory committee had nothing to report. Tim Hansen with the sheriff's office was in attendance to give a report to the council about calls in the area and said that they are trying to get this area more involved in crime stoppers that is currently being run by Jacque Borzekofski.

Councilman Neil Van Boening brought it to everyone's attention that millings were missing from the fees list. Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to approve the revised fees list with the amendment to add the millings to be sold at \$12 per yard. Motion carried 4-0.

The Sam Wymore Days Committee informed the council of an upcoming fundraiser they would like to host in the community center, bingo night and a spaghetti feed. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil that we allow bingo in the community center and the spaghetti feed fundraiser for the purpose of Sam Wymore Days Fundraiser on March 13th and waive the fees for the community center. Motion carried 4-0.

The Sam Wymore Days Committee asked to city if they would be willing to cover the cost of the fireworks and insurance again for Sam Wymore Days. They would also like permission to use the community center, park house, park and close the south campground in Arbor State Park for the flea market. Councilmen Allen asked to committee to get a cost for the fireworks and place this item on the next agenda.

City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek asked permission for the city crew to attend the Excavation Safety Summit of February 25th. Motion by Max seconded by Neil to approve the attendance for the Excavation Safety Summit on February 25th in Lincoln. Motion carried 4-0.

The council would like to thank Carolyn for her time and the library and all the work and effort she has done for the city and accept her resignation. Councilman Van Boening told the council that Carolyn really enjoyed working with the kids and reading to the kids at the preschool.

During discussion of full-time position at the library the council said they would like to have more information on this subject, as far as how many hours this position would work, are there minutes from the library board meeting where they voted for this new position. They would also like to see the library supplied with time books to fill out. The council would like to invite Austin Jackson and the Chairman of the Library board to the next meeting and place this item on that agenda for further discussion.

Attorney Carothers informed the council about Mico-Tiff that is available for smaller projects and see if the council would like to have the TIF Attorney Andrew Willis come down and explain how Micro-TIF would be beneficial for smaller projects. The council gave their blessing to have Attorney Carothers invite Attorney Andrew Willis to come down and discuss Micro-Tif.

Motion to adjourn by Max at 8:03pm.

Mayor Collin Meints

Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk