

## City Council Meeting January 18, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on January 18, 2023, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints 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. 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 proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes from January 4<sup>th</sup>. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Curt made a motion to approve claims and payroll. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Sue made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: Max thanked the City Crew for getting lights down before the ice. Andy handed out an ordinance to be looked at and put on next agenda.

Dilapidated Properties: Andy did a search of the surrounding areas for properties owned by Larry and, or Marlene Nickell but did not find any. He will begin with legal proceedings.

Business:

Nick Kotinek was present to request permission to serve alcohol at the Community Center for a going away party for their son. Max made a motion to approve the request by Nick and Dena Kotinek to serve alcohol at the Community Center on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to midnight, for a private party, with no use of the fence. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Jordan Koerwitz was present to request permission to serve alcohol at the Community Center, for their son's birthday party. Max made a motion to approve the request by Jordan Koerwitz to serve alcohol at the Community Center on January 21<sup>st</sup> from 12 noon to midnight at a private party, with no fence. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Melissa Wach & Neil Van Boening requested permission to attend mid-winter conference in Lincoln February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. This would be for continuing ed hours for Melissa and informational for Neil as a newer member of the council. Sue made a motion to allow Melissa and Neil to attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Lincoln. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Andy asked the council, Interim Police Chief, and others to look over Ordinance 670 and let him know if they would like any changes. Ordinance 670 will be moved to the next agenda.

Mark Meints presented an application to the Fire Department for Alec Dunn. Max made a motion to approve the application. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meints requested permission to serve alcohol at the Fire Department on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to midnight. Max made a motion to allow alcohol at the Fire Department for a closed party from 4pm to midnight on February 11<sup>th</sup>. All alcohol to remain inside the building. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meints asked to have the City Attorney write a resolution allowing the Fire Department to bill for services when it is offered by the insurance company. He explained that state statutes require a resolution for fire departments to be able to bill for services, and when insurance companies offer to pay, they need an invoice for their records. Mark also stated the department would not bill if the insurance company did not first offer. After much discussion it was decided to have Andy Carothers draft a resolution and put it on the next agenda.

Tim Sedlacek requested a wage increase for Tony Shepardson due to the fact he has received his wastewater operator's certification and did not receive a raise after meeting his 6-month probationary requirements. This will require an amendment to Ordinance 669. This will be put on the next agenda.

Mayor Meints presented Jessica Parrott's name as a new member of the Park Board. Sue made a motion to approve Jessica Parrott as a new member to the Park Board. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Max made a motion to go into executive session, at 7:51 for the purpose of litigation and for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Meints excused himself from the room. The council came out of executive session at 8:10pm.

Sue made a motion to adjourn at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Collin Meints, Mayor

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Janet Riensche, City Clerk