

## Wymore City Council Meeting January 20th, 2021

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in the Community Center. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Councilpersons Neil VanBoening, Sue Sapp, Max Allen, Curt Oblinger, and City Attorney Andy Carothers. 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 other proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve the minutes from the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Curt, second by Sue to approve claims and payroll. Motion carried 4-0.

### Public Comment:

Roy Lauby was present to ask if any more information had come about as far as the insurance for the Blue Springs ball fields. At the last meeting Roy presented an invoice to the city council for repairs of a dugout roof that was damaged due to high winds in the Spring of 2019. Roy stated he was told by city employees at the time that repairs should be paid for upfront and he could expect a reimbursement from insurance. However, there was no insurance claim filed for that weather event and the cost of the repairs were less than the deductible. Now a decision needs to be made if that is the responsibility of BSBDA or the City. Topic will be added to the agenda for the next council meeting.

No new updates on dilapidated buildings.

Angela Meyer was present to represent Park Board to discuss options for repairing/replacing the South Bathrooms in Arbor State Park. The park board was looking for input from the council on how they would like to proceed with the is project. Max requested estimates for tearing up floor, repairing sewer line, and replacing floor vs. putting in a new bathroom. Tim said he could work on getting those. Angela shared a concern that the city will continue to put money into the current bathroom and not make much progress in the long term. Max stated options are limited and a reasonable way to pay for new construction needs to be found before considering it. Andy suggested council look at all available funds and see if there is any extra to pull from the budget. Tim suggested it could be split between multiple line items in budget. Mona Shively, director of the Wymore Housing Authority, was present and said she has information for a group based in Kearney who offer grants for projects like this in order to help meet ADA requirements. Andy said he can also reach out to SENDD to see if there are grant funds available. Andy again suggested looking at our cash reserves first. Roy Lauby asked if the city has any 1 or 5 year plans and Tim said at this time there are no strategic infrastructure plans in place. Angela would like to know if the budget would be looked at and Max responded that it's necessary to do so at this point. Tim asked the mayor to consider appointing a few people to take a look at funds and consider options. Mayor Pike asked Councilperson VanBeoning and Tim to work together and bring information and ideas back to council.

Mona Shively was present to share with the council that Steve Whitwer had been nominated, and did accept, a position on the housing authority board. Neil asked if there are any restrictions as far as residential addresses for a person to be elected to the housing authority. Mona assured the council there is not. Motion by Max, second by Neil to accept Steve Whitwer as a new member to the Wymore Housing Authority. Motion carried 4-0.

Andy was in contact with Colleen from American Legal about getting city ordinances and subdivision/zoning codes online. We received a new proposal. There would be a one time fee of \$1200 followed by an annual fee of \$350 to get everything online if the ordinances and codes are together. Andy recommends we tie zoning codes with the municipal codes by writing a new ordinance incorporating the two codes together. Andy will reach out to the previous company who put our zoning codes into word documents and have them send those to us. Max confirmed that not only will this be searchable online, but people will be able to print the information directly from the web site. American Legal will write the ordinance that will be signed at a later council meeting. Motion by Sue, second by Max, for Mayor Pike to enter contract with American Legal to place our city ordinances and subdivision/zoning codes online. Motion carried 4-0.

The Southern Track Project had brought the 2021 Flag Agreement for the city to consider. Motion by Max, second by Sue, for the city to pay for and sign the flag agreement for this year. Motion carried 4-0.

Melissa shared information about the upcoming Midwinter Conference put on by League of Nebr Municipalities, to be held virtually in Feb. She asked the council to approve her attendance and the registration fee of \$395. Due to a new law passed in NE, all city treasurers are required to earn 8 hours of continuing education hours within the calendar year. This conference is pre-approved by the State Auditor's office and is worth 9 CEUs. Motion by Sue, second by Max, to approve Melissa's attendance of the 2021 Midwinter Conference. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Pike stated that since Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday he feels as though the city employees should receive that day as a paid holiday in the future. Motion by Neil, second by Sue, to give city employees Martin Luther Kind Day as a paid holiday beginning in 2022. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max to adjourn meeting @7:50 PM.

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Milton Pike, Mayor

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Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk