

City Council Meeting January 3, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on January 3, 2024, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:01 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.

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting by Max, seconded by Sue. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to approve claims and payroll except checks 27812, 27817, 27821 and 27842 by Max, seconded by Sue. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to approve checks 27812, and 27842, by Sue, seconded by Curt. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion to approve check 27817, by Max, seconded by Sue. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Motion to approve check 27821, by Max, seconded by Sue. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings were discussed. Andy Carothers(City Attorney) reported the owner of 321 N 11th will pay up to 3500.00 for the demolition of that property which Andy will have placed into escrow. Tim stated they had agreed to pay all fees except equipment fees which would be estimated at around \$3500. Mark Meint stated the Fire Department would be interested in burning the building for training. Tim does not suggest walking upstairs. Collin explained the training tactics. Neil inquired about the house at 518 N 11th Street. Tim has spoken to the owner who is hoping to rehab the house. Andy will try to get consent to inspect the building. He needs pictures from Tim of the property. Andy would like a list of buildings to be demolished. Tim stated we have a list for late winter, early spring. He also stated a burned building could not be sent to the dump for 30 days after burning. Collin brought up a grant available for demolition of downtown properties. The property must be condemned or owned by the City. Several properties down town were discussed. Gordon Michaelis inquired about the contents of the Gambles building if the building is demolished. Sue stated they have pharmacy customers inquire monthly about the contents. Tim was concerned about the liability of having someone go into the building to clean it out. He also stated currently roll off fees are cheaper than construction and demo dump fees.

There was no public comment.

Business:

Motion by Max, to approve the 2024 Flag agreement with Southern Youth Basketball for 500.00, seconded by Neil. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Neil, to approve Wymore EMS Annual Certification for the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act, seconded by Sue. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim presented an estimate from Fairbury Glass to replace the front door to the City Office portion of the Community Center. He hasn't been able to get any other estimates.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max, to approve the estimate by Fairbury Glass to replace the Community Center Door to the City Office of 4210.00 to be taken out of office equipment.

Tim presented a information on the Grid Resiliency Grant Program he received in email.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue, to submit the Pre-application and Preliminary Project Proposal for the Grid Resiliency Grant Program. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk