

Wymore City Council Regular Meeting January 6, 2021

The Wymore City Council met in an open and public session on January 6, 2021. The meeting was held in the Wymore Community Center due to COVID-19. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Milton Pike at 7:02 pm. Present were Mayor Pike, Max Allen, Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, and Neil VanBoening. City Attorney Andy Carothers was also in attendance. Notice of Public Hearing was posted in three places, (Wymore City Office, United States Postal Service Office, and Arbor State Pharmacy) by 5pm on December 30, 2020. 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.

Max made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2020. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Sue made a motion to approve claims and payroll with the exception of check numbers 23318 and 23344. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Sue made the motion to approve check numbers 23318 and 23344. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Sue made a motion to approve the treasures report. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment:

Roy Lauby asked the Mayor and Council to “issue a proclamation denouncing the assault on our constitution in Washington DC today.” After some discussion it was decided that it would need to be put on the agenda in order for the council to vote on anything. When asked if he wanted it on the next agenda Roy said no.

Mike asked Andy for an update on where the city stands with the insurance claims from earlier storms concerning Skyline Roofing. Andy stated he is waiting to hear back from LARM on some issues.

Dilapidated Buildings:

Andy reported that we have not heard back from the owners of several buildings we send out letters to concerning condemning properties, with the exception of Henry Boyer. We will need to proceed with obtaining inspection warrants to gain access to some properties for condemnation. Tiffany Henrichs inquired what properties were next on the list to be demolished. Andy stated that there were several on the list, including the old Dr's Office on 7th street and the Boyer property. When asked about the building next to the bank, he stated the bank is in negotiations with the estate. The city is not a part of that demolition.

Business:

Mark Meints was on hand to present Katelynn Lovell as a candidate for membership to the Fire Department. Katelynn was also on hand to answer any questions. When asked why she would like to be a part of the department she stated she would like to pursue a career in rescue services and needs to have the experience that department can provide. Max made a motion to accept Katelynn's application to the Wymore Fire Department. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Hearing-Acquisition of 301 N 8th St. and 112 N 7th Street:

Max made a motion to go into Public Hearing Concerning the Acquisition of 301 N 8th St. and 112 N 7th St. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Andy stated that Henry Boyer would like to deed the property at 301 N 8th St to the city on a quick claim deed, to be demolished. He was unsure if there were any taxes that would need to be paid. Tim stated that he had looked up the 2019 taxes which had been paid.

Andy then stated that we are not able to obtain the property at 112 N 7th St, which is owned by Ron Lance. Another company has acquired the property on a tax sale. They may be willing to sell the property to the city for demolition, however Andy wants to make sure the title is clear first. He suggested tabling this property until further notice. Tim stated that one person had inquired about getting the utilities turned on. Neil asked how the demolition would be paid for. Tim state there was still some left from the demolition grant we received and Andy explained that we also have a demolition fund that some of the franchise fees go into.

Max made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Sue made a motion to proceed with the acquisition of 301 N. 8th St. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim inquired about the amount the council would like to set fees for Asbestos Inspection. Tim recently obtained his certification to do inspections. After some discussion, Max made the motion that the city charge homeowners for the cost of testing plus \$50 to cover Tim's time and help pay for his recertifications. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim, and Angela Meyer presented a proposal from the Park Board to replace the South Bathrooms at Arbor State Park. Tim state that the sewer line is under the footings and has collapsed. In order to replace the lines, the concrete floors would need to be dug up. He also stated that it is not handicapped accessible and would not be feasible to widen the doors due to the original construction. He presented several bids for prefabricated storm rated buildings. After much discussion it was decided to table this matter till the next meeting.

The proposal from American Legal to put City Ordinances on line and link them to the City Website was discussed. In addition, a proposal to also add the Zoning Ordinances was also presented. After discussion Andy stated he would contact Colleen from American Legal and ask her to combine the proposals into one. The matter was Tabled until next meeting.

Tim requested permission to attend the Nebraska Rural Water Association Annual Conference in Kearney, with one of the other water operators, March 15-17, 2021. Max made the motion to send Tim and one other water operator to Kearney for the conference. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Shawna was on hand to present the Annual Certification for the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act for the Council's approval. Max made the motion to approve the report. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Roy Lauby and Tiffany Henrichs were on hand to discuss the claim from damage to one of the roofs on the dug-outs at the Blue Springs Ball Diamond during a storm on May 24th in 2019. The repairs have been made and paid for by the Blue Springs Ball Diamond Association. It was decided that more research needs to be done.

Tony presented the resignation on Jim Leddon from the WPD. Jim has been a part time officer for the department and is now retiring. Max stated that he would like to thank Jim for his service. He also made the motion to accept the resignation of Officer Jim Leddon. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The question was raised as to what departments would pay for the insurance to cover the tower radio equipment. It is used primarily by the Wymore Police, Fire and EMS departments. Max made a motion to split the cost of the insurance 3 ways between Wymore Police, Fire and EMS departments. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mike brought up the subject of the gutters at the fire station. This matter will be addressed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Milton Pike/Mayor

Janet Riensche/City Clerk