

City Council Meeting January 7, 2026

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on January 7, 2026, 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. 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 from the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except check numbers, 30719, 30724, 30727 & 30754. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check numbers 30719 & 30754. Motion carried 3-0, with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve check number 30724. Motion carried 3-0, with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check number 30727. Motion carried 3-0, with Curt abstaining. Neil announced that his wife, Carolyn, has resigned from the library. Sue and council thanked her for all she did.

Dilapidated Buildings: Attorney Andy Carothers reported that Chet McGrury has inspected two buildings downtown at 213 and 215 S 7<sup>th</sup> St. He is also ready to move forward with the 3 residences. Tim Sedlacek asked if he could go ahead and get the asbestos inspections done now to avoid possible rate increases. Andy agreed and stated we could hopefully get everything in place to submit and new grant application by the deadline.

Public Comment: Kirby Cohorst commented that the new paint in the Council Chambers and Office looks good. 'Shelley Enterprises really did a nice job.'

Business:

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to open the Public Hearing on the Acquisition of Lot8, Block 21, Original Town of Wymore, Gage County, Nebraska (215 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street) at 7:08 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Kirby Cohorst asked if the city would own the property after the building is removed and cleaned up. Andy answered that the property at 215 S 7<sup>th</sup> will belong to the city. Andy stated there are taxes owed for 2023 through 2025 amounting to just under \$370.00.

Motion by Max to come out of public hearing at 7:14pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Neil to pay the back taxes and get the quit claim deed from Cathy Rakes, making it subject to a final lien and judgement check. Seconded by Sue. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek presented the final Contractors request for payment for approval by the Council.

Motion by Max that we move forward with the final pay request for \$47,654.31 as stated on the contractors pay request. Seconded by Neil. Motion carried 4-0.

After discussion about changes to the Fees list Max made the motion to accept the fees list with the modifications to, water meter hookups, EMS charges and adding ATV permits. Sue seconded the motion. After further discussion, Max rescinded the motion. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to table the approval of the fees list to the next meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt, to approve both conferences in 2026, NEMSA Conference with NIS Pre-Conference, and NE Statewide Conference for up to 9 people same as every year. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

There was no report from the Police Department Advisory Committee.

Mark Meint reported for the Police Department. All items have been removed from the storage unit. The applicant for Police Chief submitted his paperwork for Certification by Reciprocity with the Nebraska Police Academy and it was accepted. Mark asked the council if they wanted to move forward with the background check and testing by the academy or would they like to interview him

first. It was the consensus of the Council to do an interview first. Collin would like Mark, Neil, someone from the Police Department Advisory Committee and one other law enforcement officer on the interview panel. Mark suggested we have someone from the school. Collin will send out a list of those he would like on the panel.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to suspend the three readings of Ordinance 690, an Ordinance to Update the Number of Members on the Police Department Advisory Committee. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve Ordinance 690. Attorney Andy Carothers read Ordinance 690. Motion carried 4-0.

Having a New Comprehensive Plan for the City done was discussed. The current plan is over 10 years old. Getting quotes was discussed. No action was taken. This will be placed back on the agenda at a later date.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Collin Meints, Mayor

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Janet Riensche, City Clerk