

## City Council Meeting July 16, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on July 16, 2025, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Present were Council Persons Max Allen, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. Council Person Sue Sapp was absent. City Attorney Andy Carothers 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 Neill to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve claims and payroll except check numbers 30027 and 30063. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max to approve check 30063, seconded by Neil. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining and Mayor Meints voting yes.

Motion by Curt, seconded by Neil to approve check 30027. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining and Mayor Meints voting yes.

Dilapidated Buildings: The demolition time line of the building at 217 S 7<sup>th</sup> street was discussed. The Contractor has not given a definite date; however, Andy has let him know it needs to be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to get the final paperwork in on time for the grant. Andy reported he should be able to get Chet McGrury to look at 320 S 9<sup>th</sup> and asked about other properties. Tim will get the addresses and pictures to Andy.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to open the Public Hearing on changes to the 1- & 6-Year Plan. Motion carried 3-0. Tim Sedlacek (Utilities Superintendent) explained the changes to the plan. Neil VanBoening expressed gratitude for Tim's oversight of the project as did the rest of the Council. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to close the Public Hearing on changes to the 1- & 6-Year Plan. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt, to approve the changes to the 1- & 6-Year Plan. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to open the Public Hearing on Possible Acquisition of 422 N 7<sup>th</sup> St. Motion carried 3-0. City Attorney Andy Carothers explained Nebraska State Statute 18-1755 which requires a Public Hearing any time a city acquires property, even through a donation. The owner of record of the property at 422 N 7<sup>th</sup> St has indicated he has the deed and would do a quit claim deed to the City. There is another possible owner which will need to be investigated. Attorney Carothers also did a search to determine if there were any liens against the property. There are no judgements against the property owner that have been transcribed to Gage County. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to close the public hearing. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to move forward with the acquisition of 422 N 7<sup>th</sup> St. Motion carried 3-0.

It was the consensus of the Council to go ahead and schedule the budget meeting for 7pm

on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on the approval of the 2025-2026 LARM Pool Insurance renewal. The Council would like clarification on the rate increase verses the signing of the 3 year resolution to receive the 5% discount. They asked Janet Riensche (City Clerk) to find out where we are in the 3 year process. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to table the discussion to next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Neil asked about the coverage of alcohol related claims. Andy will be contacting Fred Wieblehaus to get more clarification. Janet will research event alcohol insurance. Motion by Neil to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Collin Meints, Mayor

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Janet Riensche, City Clerk