

City Council Meeting July 20th, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on July 20th, 2022 in council chambers. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Curt Oblinger, Neil VanBoening, Sue Sapp, and Max Allen, as well as City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given 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 is attached. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Curt, second by Max, to approve minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: The bucket truck had been picked up by the South Dakota company who has done previous repairs. They were only able to get the truck to Sioux City, it is needing repairs due to overheating issues. Tim says it will be a minimum of 10-14 days before someone can look at it.

Andy provided an update on dilapidated properties. Now that the demolition focus has shifted from a downtown building to other properties in town, Andy is working on some rewrites for the Thomas Foundation Grant. He will have it ready for signature at the next meeting. Short discussion on other properties in town that have been discussed in the past.

Motion by Max, second by Sue, to open a public hearing on closing CDBG grant 21PW023. Motion carried 4-0. Max clarified with Gordon Michaelis that the FD will have the loaner firetruck until the new one is received, Gordon confirmed. No other questions or comments were made.

Motion by Max, second by Neil, to close the public hearing on closing CDBG grant 21PW023. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, second by Sue, to close the CDBG grant 21PW023. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve Resolution 2022-04, the LARM 2022-23 Renewal Registration, with a 3 year commitment. Motion carried 4-0.

Council members looked over the City's current procurement policy and Nebraska state statute 17-568.01. Discussion was held on the benefits of reviewing the current procurement policy and updating it. Andy will work with Tim on updating the policy and bring it back for council approval.

Motion by Neil, second by Max to postpone discussion/action on approval of lease amendments to the Welsh Heritage Schoolhouse Lease, until the Great Plains Welsh Heritage group asks us to bring it back for discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

There have been recent discussions on needed upgrades at Cottonwood Beach in Blue Springs. The City of Wymore has provided water and electricity to this area for many decades. However, it may be time for Council members to discuss if the City should continue this or if power should be supplied by Norris Public Power to the Cottonwood Beach area, as part of it falls within Blue Springs city limits. Discussion was held and the Mayor and council members would like someone from Norris to attend a meeting to answer questions they have. Tim will reach out to Norris and this will be discussed at a future meeting.

Austin Jackson, the Wymore Librarian attended the meeting. There was brief discussion on changes he would like to make, regarding donated funds, in future budgets. It was decided that discussion on this can wait until the upcoming budget meeting.

Motion by Sue, to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Milton Pike, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk