

City Council Meeting July 7, 2021

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on July 7, 2021, in the Community Center. Mayor Milton Pike called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Present were Councilpersons Curt Oblinger, Neil VanBoening, Max Allen, Sue Sapp, and City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, Arbor State Pharmacy, and 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.

Sue made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 16th meeting. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Max made a motion to approve Claims and Payroll with the exception of check #24062. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Sue made a motion to approve check #24062. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Sue made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment:

There were no comments from the public.

Business:

Max made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Redevelopment Plan Amendment for AGC Enterprises Redevelopment Project. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Alison Janecek was on hand to explain the amendment and the redevelopment plan. She explained the CRA, and Planning and Zoning committee met earlier to approve recommendation of the agreement. The project is expected to generate \$119,300.00 in increased taxes over the next 15 years from the property. Adam Cook was also on hand to answer any questions the Public or Council might have. After a short time to allow for questions, Max made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council held discussion on Redevelopment Amendment Resolution #2021-2. After some discussion, Max made a motion to approve Redevelopment Amendment Resolution #2021-2. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council held discussion of Redevelopment Agreement Resolution #2021-1. Sue made a motion to approve Redevelopment Agreement Resolution #2021-1. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Andy Carothers read the Second Reading of purposed Ordinance 664.

Janet Riensche presented a proposal for a Point-of-Sale System for the City Office. The proposal presented two options for card readers. Option 1 would be basic at a cost of \$115.00 per reader. Option 2 would have a chip reader and capacity to process Apple Pay. Max made a motion to purchase two card readers from option 2 for the City Office. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Pike asked Andy Carothers to give a report on Dilapidated Building. He stated the Gambles Building has been inspected, but he has not yet received the report. Andy also stated he had been in contact with the owner of the property at 301 S 15th Street. Andy presented the City's Proposal to take over the property for demolition, if the owner made sure all back taxes were paid. He has not heard back from the owner.

Janice Cohorst has requested permission to reserve the new concession stand for a family reunion on August 7, 2021. Max made a motion to approve the request from Janice Cohorst to reserve the McCandless Concession stand on August 7, 2021. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meints was in attendance to discuss grants for a new firetruck. He has been in contact with SENDD and there is a Public Works grant available they would qualify for under the City of Wymore for up to \$400,000.00. He requested permission to apply for the grant. Mark also stated that Denni Mitchell from SENDD is looking in to whether we need to advertise for bids for a firetruck. After some discussion Max made a motion to approve permission for the Fire Department to apply for the Public Works grant for \$400,000.00 through SENDD for a new fire truck. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Angela Meyer was in attendance to request permission for the Track Project to apply for LWCF and CCCFF grants since it is on city property. If they were able to obtain these two grants that would bring the amount raised to \$480,000.00. They would then need to raise an additional \$600,000.00 within 2 years of the receipt of the grant. Neil asked how many grants the city can apply for at one time. Angela stated since these are different grants there was not a limit. Max made a motion to allow the Track Project to apply for the LWCF and CCCFF grants. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek requested direction from the Council about the situation with the downtown streetlights. It is a large project with an estimated cost of 5 to 6 hundred thousand dollars. He would like to get it into the budget for next year. There was discussion about doing the project all at once or in two stages. The question was asked about what type of streetlights and the cost. Tim stated that if we want to keep our current Christmas decorations, they need to be the tall lights. If we went with shorter lights, we would need to purchase new decoration, which would end up making the cost the same. There were questions about grant and using TIF money. Tim state there are no electrical grants and TIF is limited. It was the consensus of the council to move forward with half of the project at a time beginning with the south half of downtown.

Denielle Trauernicht requested permission to use the Rodeo Arena for the Wymore Area Livestock Show on July 22nd. Max made a motion to allow the Wymore Area Livestock Association to use the Rodeo Arena for their Annual Livestock Show on July 22nd. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek requested permission to budget for the next phase in sewer lining which was begun in 2012. He stated there had been some done in 2014 and 2016, but it had been put on hold in 2018 when the sink hole happened. After some discussion, the Council consensus was to budget for it in the 2021-2022 Fiscal year.

We received a letter of intent to have Schultz and Associates do our 2021-2022 budget. There is some concern our audit has not yet been completed. We had reached out to Busboom and Blobaum who declined to bid on the job. The Council instructed the office to reach out to the League Of Nebraska Municipalities for suggestions of other accounting firms. This issue was tabled until next meeting.

KateLynn Lovell had submitted her resignation from the EMS Department. Max made a motion to accept KateLynn Lovell's resignation from EMS. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2021-3 to continue our current Pool insurance with LARM was presented. Andy read the resolution and the terms were discussed. Max made the motion to continue the coverage under LARM with the option to provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2024, for a 5% discount. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Max made a motion to go into executive session for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Executive session was entered into at 8:25 pm.

The Council exited executive session at 8:59 pm.

Sue made a motion to adjourn. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Milton Pike/Mayor

Janet Riensche/City Clerk