

City Council Meeting June 4, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on June 4, 2025, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council Persons Sue Sapp, Max Allen, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. City Attorney Andy Carothers was not 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 to approve minutes from the last meeting by Max, seconded by Curt. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except check numbers 29770, 29776, 29784, & 29818. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check number 29770. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check numbers 29784 & 29818. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: The new contract for demolition on the building at 217 S 7th Street is ready at Willet and Carothers for R. L. Tiemann to sign.

Public Comment: Lawrence Mallam was present to ask who was responsible to put up the flags for holidays. There is usually a Flag agreement with a local organization to take care of this, with the City paying them \$500.00, but no one has applied for the agreement this year. Tim Sedlacek will contact the group that did it last year as they have the flags.

Council Person Max Allen would like to consider applying for a grant to apply Agra Lime to the ball field at McCandless Park. He would like to see other improvements made but would like to start with the Agra Lime. This will be placed on the next agenda. Council Person Neil VanBoening state the concession stand is being run by Janice Cohorst and Roselee Reedy with plans to donate the money back to the program. He would like to see the Park Board get involved. There were questions about a ball association but there isn't a functioning one at this time. The teams have been doing their best but need some help. Tim Sedlacek would like to thank Jeff and Kelly Murphy and their family for the painting, and the other work they did on the basketball court at McCandless Park.

Carlee Fiddes from the Beatrice Humane Society was in attendance to give a report on the progress of the planned TNR program that will start on June 21st. She left some door tags about the event and a sign-up sheet with the City Office for those who would like to volunteer or have cats they would like to have taken care of in the program.

Business:

Ordinance 685 to vacate the alley between D and E Streets from 13th to 14th street was discussed. Tim has been working with JEO and the Hospital on getting everything in place for the planned clinic. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to wave the three readings of

Ordinance 685. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve Ordinance 685 to vacate the alley between D & E Streets from 13th to 14th Streets. Mayor Meints read Ordinance 685. Motion carried 4-0.

Recording of the meeting was discussed. Max has spoken to Austin Jackson at the Library. He can post only written content to his newsletter with the current programming. Austin will start posting the minutes to the newsletter.

Janet Riensche, City Clerk, brought to the attention of the Council suggestions from LARM concerning allowing alcohol at the community center. Suggestions were discussed for updating the current rental agreement. This matter will be forwarded to City Attorney Andrew Carothers for further review. Janet will also gather more information concerning liquor insurance.

Council Person Max Allen presented a new Stryker Service Contract. Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve the Service Contract with Stryker for the three-year contract for \$12,024.00 to be paid in three-year payments. Motion carried 4-0.

Under Police Department Updates and discussion, Max Allen stated he had requests to put the Police Department Updates on the opening agenda. After discussion it was decided to put it on every agenda under business, so those who attended on other matters didn't have to set through long discussions if they didn't want to.

Max Allen presented plans for a new EMS/Police Station. Nothing was decided on this issue.

Council Person Neil VanBoening asked if there had been any new applications for the Police Chief Position. Mayor Meints stated there was one under review. Part time officer Mark Meints stated the Police Department SUV was up on the Purple Wave Auction and the Police Department has been carpeted and painted. Need to get some evidence cabinets and gun cases. Neil inquired about an entry on his time book for a letter of support. Mark stated this is a letter of support for the Victims Assistance Program the department has done every year for several years.

Utility Superintendent Tim Sedlacek reported on the New House Project at 719 N 7th St. and asked if the Council would like to try to sell it on our own or get a realtor. The consensus was to try to sell it on our own. Tim will get signs put up. They can purchase the house at any point in the construction. If it is purchased early enough in the process the new owners can choose colors and materials. Tim also asked about pricing. It was decided to look into comp prices and decide that at a later date.

Tim brought forth a 2017 F250 with 155,000 miles on it for \$19,600.00 to replace the Water Department Truck that was totaled due to the shop fire. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve the purchase of the 2017 F250 for \$19,600.00 for a Water Department Truck.

Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Tim asked for permission to post an open position for lineman, with a pay range of \$25-\$35

per hour depending on experience. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to post an open
lineman's position with a pay range of 25 to 35 dollars per hour depending on experience.
Motion carried 4-0.

Tim asked councils permission to post a sign on vacant property when he has sent an
abatement letter, so the neighbors will know we are working on the issue. The council gave
its permission by consensus.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk

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