

City Council Meeting June 5, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on June 5, 2024, 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. 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 Sue to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Claims & Payroll except checks # 28335, 28344, 28361, & 28394. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve checks # 28335 & 28394. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check # 28344. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check # 28361. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: Attorney Andy Carothers reported, he got a quote from Bachmann and Associates for asbestos testing and remediation on the building at 207 S 7th St (Nickell). He is also working to finalize the contract with Tiemann Construction to demolish the building. The owner Marlene Nickell would like until the end of September to be out of the building. Andy is working to finalize the paperwork with the state so they can release the funds in July. We will have up to a year after the release of funds to complete the project. Tim Sedlacek joined the meeting by phone and stated the house at 321 N 11th St (Wehrbein) should be coming down shortly and he has an email from Cliff McConnell that he will pay for the demolition cost of his property at 406 E H St. Neil reported the property at 719 N 7th St was no longer on the for-sale sight. Tim would like to send the bank an invoice for mowing their property with the Council's approval.

Public Comment: Members of the Riverview Jr. Stockman's Club were present to present a check for \$2500.00, to the City of Wymore as a donation to repair the lights at the rodeo arena in Arbor State Park. Those presenting the check were Jordyn VanSchoiack (President), Braeden Humphreys (Vice President), Payton Humphreys (Secretary), Andrea Humphreys (Leader), Denielle Trauernicht (Leader). The Council members expressed their gratitude.

Roy Lauby was present to report on the improvements the Blue Spring Ball Diamond Association has made at the softball complex. Insurance will be contacted.

Mark Meints (Fire Chief) was present to report the new rescue pumper is getting closer to being done and they are hoping to receive it soon.

Tim Sedlacek reminded everyone of Sam Wymore Day is June 7th-9th and stated we have a record number of vendors signed up. We are hoping for more people than normal provided the weather is good.

Business: Discussion was held on the 6-month evaluation and raise for the City Treasurer. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve a 6-month raise of 1.25 for Krystal Rutti, City Treasurer. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Angela Meyer (Park Board) was in attendance to present a proposal from Southern Youth Sports to add a 10X12 equipment shed next to the existing equipment shed. This would be used to store football gear as they plan to hold practices at McCandless this year. It will have a floating concrete slab foundation. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to allow the Southern Youth Sports to put up a shed for their football program with the understanding that if they no longer need the shed, they will be responsible for the removal of the concrete. Motion carried 4-0.

The resignation of the Chief of Police was presented to the council. Neil and Max each stated disagreements with some of the reasons given for the resignation. There were several questions about the next step. Collin stated that currently the Gage County Sherriff's Department will answer 911 call, State statutes and Dangerous (Biting) Dogs. City Ordinance violations will be forwarded to the City Office. This will be on the next agenda and the Police Department Advisory Committee will be involved.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to accept the resignation of Bobby Martinez as Chief of Police. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to go into executive session at 7:43 pm, for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion carried 4-0.

Council came out of executive session at 8:57 pm.

Bryan Davidson (Police Department Advisory Committee) was present after the executive session and asked to discuss the Chief of Police resignation. He made a plea to the Council to continue to pursue building back the Police Department. Mark asked for guidance as the last remaining member of the Police Department. Andy stated this is not on the agenda, but Mark can take direction from the Mayor. Janet was instructed to put Ordinance Officer and discussion of Police Department activities on the next agenda.

Motion to adjourn by Sue at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk