

City Council Meeting March 16, 2022

The City Council met in open and public session on March 16, 2022 in council chambers. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present was City Attorney Andy Carothers and councilpersons Neil VanBoening, Curt Oblinger, Sue Sapp, councilperson Max Allen was absent. 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 meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Sue, second by Neil to approve the minutes of the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Motion carried 3-0.  
Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve claims and payroll. Motion carried 3-0.  
Motion by Curt, second by Sue to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried 3-0.

Jennifer Short was in attendance to request permission to serve alcohol at a graduation party being held at the Community Center. It's an invite only event, they will not be using the beer garden, all alcohol will be staying inside the community center. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve Jen Short to allow guests to bring and consume alcohol during an invite only, private party celebration on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5PM-9PM. Motion carried 3-0.

Mikaela Davis from HBE attended the meeting to present a summary of the audit findings to council. She spent considerable time explaining the process and results of the provided packet. She provided draft forms of the required audit letters which will be submitted to the state auditor's office. After her presentation council members and City Treasurer Melissa Wach thanked her for coming to present the audit findings and for all of the work she put in.

Extensive discussion was held on the downtown curb, gutter, and streetlight project. Tiemann's bid for concrete work will still be honored and Tim provided council with 2 bids on electric work. Bids came from Jeff Andrews at Andrews Electric and Aaron Watts, from WCHE LLC. This project will not see a start time until late summer early fall. The City would be working with 2 different companies which makes it difficult to determine how long completion would take. A lot of discussion on the type of poles that could be used and Tim would like some guidance from council. Pictures will be provided at the next meeting for council to look at and consider. No action taken, topic will be on agenda for the next meeting as well.

Motion by Sue, second by Neil to approve the Ameritas resolution to let the mayor sign paperwork for Ameritas regarding the amended retirement plan. Motion carried 3-0.

City Attorney Carothers shared with council that the only suggestions he had for Chief Schachtschabel, on the new policies dealt with wording regarding positions that we don't have on a three-man department. Andy said the policies were very thorough and no major changes were needed. Chief will make the minor changes and if approved by council will turn them in to the Crime Commission, meeting the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to do so. Greg Lauby was present requesting that a special meeting be held by council later in the month, as he would like to look over policies and have opportunity to offer suggestions. Andy suggests for council to approve them, so they can be submitted to crime commission on time, and if Mr. Lauby would like to look them over and come back with suggestions for council he may do so, as the policies are a working document and can be amended. Motion by Neil, second by Sue to approve the Wymore Police Department policies #1-27. Motion carried 3-0.

Andy will reach out to JEO to clarify some wording on the Fire Department Hazard Mitigation Plan and be in touch with Mark, regarding who needs to approve it.

SEND D needed a new Professional Service Agreement signed stating they would be the General Administrator of the firetruck grant. This needs signed due to a change in the amount that State will let SEND D be reimbursed for admin work. Motion by Sue, second by Neil to approve the Mayor's signing of the Professional Service Agreement for SEND D to be the General Administrator of the grant. Motion carried 3-0.

City wide cleanup dates have been set for April 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

No one from Cemetery Board was present to discuss the fence repairs that need to take place at the cemetery. Tim did share with council the bids that had come in. One bid that had come in included repairing it with a residential grade fencing. Council would like that contractor to re-bid the project using a heavier fencing. There was a claim for a fence at the park and the city shop at the same time, so the deductible will be split 3 ways between lights, parks, and cemetery. Topic will be tabled until someone from cemetery boards attends meeting to discuss.

Dalton Meyer will not be returning as park help this summer. Tim will be advertising the positions at same pay Dalton was making.


After much discussion in the fall about the future of truck 61 after it was taken out of service by the fire department, Tim received 5 bids on turning the truck into a dump truck for continued city use. He presented the bids to council and discussed the differences between them. Mark stated that he has had two people tell him the truck is still valuable as a fire truck and could be sold. Mayor Pike and council expressed that was not in line with the discussion that had taken place in the fall regarding it being used for other uses within the city. Motion by Curt, second by Sue to turn truck 61 into a dump truck. Motion carried 3-0. Bids for work will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mark provided the new MFO agreement and gave a brief update on the MFO board. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to authorize the mayor to sign the MFO agreement on behalf of Wymore. Motion carried 3-0.

Sue and Tim have been asked by the public when we will start accepting bids for the farm leases. Andy is working on revising the request for proposals. It will be published in the Arbor State Newspaper. Curt would like to see the bid end time be 7PM the night of the next meeting. Topic will be on the next agenda.

Tim informed council that he had completed the AARP Community Challenge grant application. He brought a copy for council to review if they have any corrections or suggestions.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 9:13 PM.

  
Milton Pike, Mayor

  
Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk