

City Council Meeting March 4, 2026

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on March 4, 2026, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Susan Sapp, Max Allen, 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. 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 by Max, seconded by Curt to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max seconded by Neil to approve claims and payroll except check numbers 30917 and 30924. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neal to approve check number 30917. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neal to approve check number 30924. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: Andy had no update. Neil asked about adding another building downtown. Andy is going to have Chet McGrury come down and look at it.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Saphire Roland and Antonio Mendieta were in attendance to request permission to have alcohol at the Community Center April 25th from 5 pm to 12 am for a wedding. Motion by Max seconded by Sue to allow Saphire Roland and Antonio Mendieta to have alcohol at the Community Center on April 25th, 2026, from 5-12 for a wedding with the use of the beer garden. Motion carried 4-0.

Josh Schmidt was in attendance to request permission to have alcohol at the Community Center March 14th from 6pm to 1am with the beer garden. Motion by Max, second by Sue to allow Josh Schmidt to have alcohol at the Community Center on March 14th, 2026, from 6pm to 1am for a celebration with the use of the beer garden. Motion carried 4-0.

Mike Sciandra of Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling submitted a request to the City Office for the Mayor to Proclaim March "Problem Gambling Awareness Month." Motion by Neil seconded by Max to allow Mayor Meints to make the proclamation. Motion carried 4-0.

Education Approval for EMS was discussed. Andy presented a contract that was used in the past as a template for a new contract. He will work with Max to make it a blanket contract for future use and present it next meeting.

Discussion was held concerning Timothy Anderson's application for Police Chief. Timothy was present. He is not eligible for a reciprocity transfer from Kansas to Nebraska because he has not been a full-time police officer for 2 of the last 4 years. Nebraska does not recognize jailers as police officers. He would need to go through the full 15-week Nebraska Police Academy program, complete 80 hours of Field Officer Training and complete the management training prior to being eligible for the position. After extensive discussion it was decided to move forward with the application to the Nebraska Police Academy.

Janet Riensche City Clerk requested permission to move some of the excess money from the Keno checking account to the money market account. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to move 100,000.00 from the Keno checking account to the Keno money market account. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meint, Wymore Fire Chief requested permission to send 6 members of the Wymore Fire and Rescue to the Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association Training Symposium in York NE, March 21st from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve 6 members of the Wymore Fire and Rescue Department to attend the Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association Training Symposium in York NE, March 21st from 8 am to 4:30 pm including lunch. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn by Sue @ 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk