

City Council Meeting March 6, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on March 6, 2024, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Curt to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except checks # 28028, 28033, 28037 & 28062. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check # 28028 and 28062. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve check # 28033. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check 28037. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Building: Andy presented the application for the State Revolving Fund- Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program and explained the application process. He added the Blight and Substandard study along with other documentation of the revitalization plan for the downtown area. He mailed the extensive application in on February 26th. The due date was the 29th and the state requested it be post marked. Andy also stated that he has been trying to get ahold of Marlene Nickell about deeding over the building at 207 S 7th to the City for demolition. If she will not, the City has already condemned the building and can move forward that way. Tim Sedlacek would also like to get two more addresses on the demolition list (408 N 8th & 422 N 7th). Andy will look into who owns both properties. Mark stated the Fire Department has the permits needed to burn the property at 321 N 11th but have not been able to burn due to wind, and dry weather. He will need to send in new dates.

Public Comment: Mark Meints reported that two firefighters from Wymore went out to work a 12-hour shift at the fire in North Platt. He also stated three people went from Barneston and three from Fairbury.

Mayor Meints stated that Walt Henrichs had passed away. He was a former member of the Wymore Fire Department.

Max stated he has had a couple of people contact him about a Wymore PD video on Facebook concerning the dog ordinance. He would like to review that ordinance at the next meeting.

Business:

Tim Sedlacek requested clarification on what the City was going to be doing about sponsoring the Sam Wymore Days Fireworks show. Last year the city paid \$3500.00 of the \$4500.00 cost out of the Keno funds. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve the Fireworks show for Sam Wymore Days and the City sponsor up to \$4500.00 from the Keno funds. Motion carried 4-0.

Angela Meyer was present to ask that the Interlocal Track Agreement be renewed. Neil asked who was on that committee. This committee should be added to our Annual Appointment to Boards and Committees. Max suggested making the lease a longer term. Andy will get the agreement updated and email it to Angela so she can take it to the School Board. He will make it a 10-year agreement and put it on the next agenda.

Mayor Meints brought two names, Clayton Lundstedt and Tammy Meints, recommended by the Housing Authority to join the board. Sue asked for clarification on the role of the Housing Authority. They run Hill Top and Park Lodge Apartments. There are two members who requested to go off the board. Max stated that going forward he would like to see board and committee vacancies posted on the Cities Facebook page and the Open Forum as well as in the Library Newsletter. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve Clayton Lundstedt and Tammy Meints as new members to the Housing Authority. Motion carried 3 - 1 with Neil voting no.

Janet Riensche presented an updated version of the Personnel Handbook for the Council to consider. She explained most of the changes were policies that were already approved but a few other requests had been added. All changes were in red or highlighted. Andy Carothers (city attorney) would like to send the manual to Tara Stingley at Cline Williams to have them look it over and make sure our policies are current and up to date legally. Tim Sedlacek requested the limit for comp time be raised from 16 to 32 hours, which is not in the present manual updates.

Tim Sedlacek reported the date for City Wide Clean-up has been set for April 22-23 from 8 am to 7 pm. Max asked about tire amnesty. Tim reported as far as he knows the county has discontinued doing it. He also stated the city has a company from Kansas coming to pick up those we have accumulated. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to have the City-Wide Cleanup April 22nd and 23rd from 8am to 7pm. Motion carried 4-0. The council requested a flyer be placed on Facebook and sent to the paper. Mayor Meints stated he had a group of people who have volunteered to place flyers around town.

Attorney Andy Carothers did the second reading of Ordinance 676, an ordinance to set the electrical rates. Curt asked if there were any comments on the ordinance. Wayne Franssen

stated that he thought the increase of 8% was excessive and suggested a 4% increase instead. He also asked if unpaid bills were left behind if that is the landlords responsibility. Janet stated the balance is the responsibility of the account holder. Tim requested a clause be put into the ordinance that if an account holder leaves behind an unpaid balance they will be charged double the deposit for any future accounts. After some research Andy found the ordinance concerning deposits and will update that ordinance. Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve the second reading of Ordinance 676, an Ordinance to set electrical rates for the City of Wymore. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meints was present to present the resignation by text message of Robert Fletcher from the Wymore Fire Department. Mark stated it was for personal reasons mostly due to his job taking him out of town. Robert is in good standing with the department. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to accept the resignation in good standing of Robert Fletcher from the Wymore Fire department. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Meints asked for the removal of Chuck Buess as a member of the Wymore Fire Department per their by-laws for inactivity. Motion by Max, second by Sue to remove Chuck Buess as a member of the Wymore Fire and Rescue Department. Motion carried 4-0.

Neil Van Boening gave a written and verbal report on the Legue of Nebraska Municipalities Mid-Winter Conference. Mayor Meints thanked Neil for going and reporting. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to go into executive session for the protection of the public interest and prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 8:06pm. Motion carried 4-0.

The council came out of executive session at 9:22 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Sue at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk

