

City Council Meeting May 15, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on May 15, 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 of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Claims & Payroll, except check # 28291. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check # 29281. Motion carried 3-0, with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings- no discussion

Public Comment-no comments

Business:

Marlene Nickell was in attendance to discuss the timeline for clearing out her building to get ready for demolition. Attorney Carothers stated that we need to have a timeline into the state by the end of June. Elliott Hawkins, who has been helping Marlene, said that they are waiting to hear back from an Auctioneer to see when they would be able to have an auction. Marlene said that she has been trying to get out some family items that she would like to keep. Elliott asked if the building needed to be clean before being demolished. Tim said that the building was bid for demolition with all the contents. Marlene asked for as much time as she could get. Attorney Carothers told Marlene that he would be in touch with her.

Kevin Marmon was in attendance to discuss storage containers. Kevin asked what the difference between all these metal structures is. Attorney Carothers stated that the council didn't like the look of the Conex containers when Mr. Seachord was selling them, a nice metal building would look better than a Conex container. Kevin commented about all the containers around town. Max stated that there is an agreement that we need to revisit concerning one container. When asked if he would be using it permanently, Kevin's response was that it would be a couple of years.

Mike Plihal was in attendance to discuss carports and what they would be categorized under. It was stated that you need to get a building permit from the city before putting one up, if people don't apply for a permit, then we don't know that one has gone up. Mike asked if there were any repercussions for not getting a permit. Yes, so it could be prosecuted. There are some things that the planning and zoning board needs to look at.

Randall Baker was in attendance to discuss the possibility of vacating F St between 17th and 18th St. Randall stated that it's a road that goes nowhere, he has been maintaining it for decades. It was also brought up to vacate 18th St from E St north Tim suggested that we wait until the survey is done

then we revisit this. If you are going to vacate the streets it will involve all the people that have adjoining property. Mayor Meints stated that we will be in touch.

The Beatrice Humane Society was in attendance to talk about their Trap, Vaccinate, Neuter, Release program to help decrease the population of feral/unowned cats. They estimated if you can get 80% of the cats spay/neutered then you can get the problem under control in about 8 years. They would like to have a one-day clinic, in which they would like to trap 100-200 cats which would be a cost of 5-7 thousand dollars. They would like to have a letter of support from the city, all council members were in support of the letter. Attorney Carothers stated that he will meet with the board about the agreement and get a letter of support.

Angela Meyer was in attendance representing the park board, Shannon Burgess had come to her wanted a sand volleyball court. She would like the city to pay for the groundwork. Shannon said that they volleyball team would be responsible for the poles, net and maintaining it. Angela was told that Shannon would need to go talk to the school and get an amendment to the lease agreement from them. Tim said the city will dig it out, haul off the dirt, then haul in the sand. Tim asked permission to use the McCandless Ballfield, on behalf of the Sam Wymore Days Committee, on July 23rd to have a fundraiser. They need a 300 x 300-foot space. They have insurance to cover it. We would need to look at parking. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to allow the use of McCandless Ballfield side on July 23rd, details to follow. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Sue to adjourn at 9:01pm.

Mayor Collin Meints

Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk