

City Council Meeting May 18th, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on May 18th, 2022 in council chambers. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Present were councilpersons Neil VanBoening, Sue Sapp, Max Allen, and Curt Oblinger. City Attorney Andy Carothers was also present. Notice of the meeting was posted 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 Max, second by Curt to approve minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve claims and payroll, except check #25266. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve check #25266. Motion carried 3-0, Max abstained.
Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: Neil has received some calls from concerned citizens regarding unmowed yards. Neil provided a list of addresses to Officer Willman, who will send out letters regarding ordinance violations.

Lori Novotny was present to update council on conversations happening with Hannah and Keelan regarding correcting the map for the blight study. Andy would like Janet and Melissa to look into annexation ordinances regarding Dollar General and he will reach out to attorney at Cline Williams. Meetings and public hearings are currently scheduled for June 15th, 2022.

Juan Basulto was present to request permission to serve alcohol at his son's graduation party on June 18th. Motion by Max, second by Sue to allow alcohol to be served at a graduation party on June 18th, from 6PM-12AM, with the use of the beer garden. Motion carried 4-0.

Representatives from the Beatrice Daily Sun and Fairbury Journal News were both in attendance. With the upcoming closure of the Wymore Arbor State, council members needed to decide which paper the city would use in the future for publication needs. Discussion was held and council members were able to ask questions of the paper representatives. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve using the Beatrice Daily Sun for future publications, unless there are problems that arise in the future. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim shared with council that the roof of the grandstand at Arbor State Park was damaged in the last wind storm. The adjustor was down and said the entire roof needs to be replaced. Tim has found a local contractor who can do the job. It does not need to be put out for bid. Motion by Max, second by Neil to proceed with grandstand roof repair using the local contractor. Motion carried 4-0.

Council continued the conversation they began at last meeting regarding putting the Welsh School House onto the same city insurance policy. Andy encouraged Tim to confirm with the group that they will still need to cover liability insurance on a separate policy. No action taken, topic tabled.

Discussion held regarding an option for business owners to have Tiemann's pour the half of their sidewalk that is closest to their business, at the same time that Tiemann's pours the half of the sidewalk that is closest to the street, during the downtown streetlight/curb and gutter project. This will allow the business owners a cost and time friendly option. The cost of pouring the half of the sidewalk closest to their business will be the responsibility of the business owners. Motion by Sue, second by Max to

provide adjacent business owners the option to have Tiemann replace back half of sidewalk at property owners' cost. Motion carried 4-0.

Tiemann's reached out to Tim to explain that there would be a delay in the start date, as they had accepted a couple other jobs, prior to us awarding the bid. The city street engineer will reach out to Tiemann's to get an anticipated start/completion date. No action taken, topic tabled.

The concession stand at the rodeo arena suffered damage during the last severe wind storm. The rodeo association holds no insurance on it, nor do they have a lease with the city any longer. The park board would like to see it taken down. Max thinks the concession stand was property of the rodeo association, therefore they should have the option to handle it. Council agreed if rodeo association puts into writing that they have no interest in building, the city should proceed with getting rid of it.

Tim completed an asbestos inspection on a property on S. 10th street. It is currently under ownership of an estate and the estate would like to see the house taken down and has asked the city to give them a quote to do the work. Council said it's in our best interest to bid the project. Tim will keep council informed.

The town whistle has stopped working. A company who does repairs was in town recently and has determined the issue is coming from the system in the office that tells the whistle when to go off. The company has suggested and quoted a repair, that would include putting a timer directly on the whistle, rather than the timer coming from the office. No action taken at this time, tabled until a future meeting.

Motion by Max to adjourn at 8:29 PM.

Milton Pike, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk