

## City Council Meeting May 21, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on May 21, 2025, 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. 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 Neil, seconded by Curt to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except check # 29712. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve check # 29712. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Lisa Wiegand was in attendance to discuss using the community center during the Cattleman's Ball in case of inclement weather. Lisa has other buildings in surrounding communities reserved as well. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to reserve the community center on June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and wave the fees for the Cattleman's Ball in the case of inclement weather. Motion carried 4-0.

Allison Edeal was in attendance to ask for permission to have alcohol at the community center on June 11<sup>th</sup> for her friend's wedding reception. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to allow alcohol at the community center on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to midnight with no beer garden. Motion carried 4-0.

Dani Pishney was in attendance to ask for permission to have alcohol at the community center on June 21<sup>st</sup> for her wedding reception. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Dani Pishney to have alcohol at the community center on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-11pm with the beer garden. Motion carried 4-0.

Janet Riensche, City Clerk, was in attendance to discuss the 2025 LIGHT Insurance Renewal and answer questions the council had about changes to the plan. Max mentioned we might need to adjust next year's budget to cover the increase in premiums. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve PPO OPT 1 on table 8. Motion carried 4-0.

Carlee Fiddes from the Humane Society was in attendance to update the council on the preparation for the upcoming Catch and Release and ask for support from the city. Carlee has reserved the community center for 2 days to have a community discussion so members of the community can come and learn about the program and ask any questions that they might have. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to use the community center for public awareness meetings on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, also to wave the camping fees at Arbor State Park on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to give a letter commitment to the Humane Society for the next round, to the Morris Foundation Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Andy Carothers presented a building inspector service agreement to the council, which has Chet McGrury as the Building Official for the city. Andy also informed us the Chet is fully trained and familiar with the code book. Inspections would be \$125 per hour with a 4-hour minimum.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to approve the first contract amending page 2 paragraph 4a, changing Village to City. Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Carothers informed the council that R L Tiemann Excavating & Truck, LLC has secured a Performance Bond for the demolition and disposal of 207 S 7<sup>th</sup> St. No date has been set; Attorney Carothers will be in contact with Tiemann's to get a date set. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve the Demolition Contract with R.L. Tiemann Excavating & Trucking, LLC. Motion carried 4-0. Discussion on recording the meetings will be moved to the next agenda.

The Fire Department EMS Department Ordinance 683 was discussed. Members of the council expressed their concerns with some wording Attorney Andy Carothers will be working on getting a clean draft prepared with some changes that were discussed.

Discussion on an alternative representative for the Gage County MFO board took place. Motion by Neil, second by Sue to approve Assistant Fire Chief Collin Meints as alternate Representative to Gage County MFO Board. Motion carried 4-0.

City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek reached out to Attorney Carothers with a list of items to be sold. Mark Meints stated that he would like to add the 2017 Police Ford Explorer SUV due to electric issues. Councilman Max Allen stated that Lila would like to add some table and chairs to that list to be sold to get new ones for the community center. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to approve Resolution 2025-01 as amended to add the 2017 Ford Explorer SUV Police Vehicle and tables and chairs. Motion carried 4-0.

City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek informed the council that we did secure the release of funds last week with SENDD. He also stated that this is a contract with JEO. Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to approve the CDBG Professional Service/ Consultant Agreement Project Title: 2024 Water System Improvements for Wymore, Nebraska. Motion carried 4-0.

Pam Gerdes and Lawrence Mallam were in attendance to discuss applying for a Thomas Foundation Grant for the cemetery for new fencing. Attorney Carothers suggested some changes that needed to be made to the application, also that they would not be able to submit the application before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 8:54pm.

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Collin Meints, Mayor

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Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk