

City Council Meeting May 4, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on May 4, 2022, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Milton Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Max Allen, Sue Sapp, and Curt Oblinger. Council member Neil VanBoening was absent. 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.

Max made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20th meeting. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Max made a motion to approve claims and payroll except check # 25266. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sue made a motion to approve check # 25266. Curt seconded the motion. Sue and Curt voted yes. Max abstained from the vote. The motion died for lack of a majority vote.

Public Comment:

Mark commented of the successful house burn that was held on Saturday April 30th. Blue Springs Fire also helped with the burn. Twelve to fourteen members went into the building for training. He also reported that the Dispatch had called out approximately 50 police calls this last month for the city. Wymore PD responded to almost 300, and the Gage County Sheriff's office responded to approximately 200.

Sue has had some complaints about a semi-truck parking on D street and obstructing traffic. Officer Geoffrey Willmann stated that he would speak to the owner.

Roy Lauby was in attendance to give a report on what is happening at the ball diamonds over by Blue Springs this summer.

Business:

EMS Billing was discussed. Shawna spoke to some of the reasons so many claims were being written off by the billing company. She also stated that she has been in contact with the original owner of EMS Billing, who has started a new company and willing to take on Wymore EMS After discussion Max made a motion to rescind the motion to enter into an agreement with HMBK Billing LLC, with an amendment to the contract so it reads 'between HMBL Billing LLC and the City of Wymore', rather than Wymore EMS. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Max made a motion to enter into a contract between One Billing Solutions and the City of Wymore. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Max made a motion to go into Public Hearing regarding the acquisition of 122 N 7th St in Wymore. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Andy stated he has been in contact with the owner Thomas Ferrick, and he is ready to deed the property over to the city. Andy check on the taxes and they are paid up except 2021, which are around \$120. Tim stated there will be some asbestos abatement needed and Bockman will not do it until the building is off the basement (which is where the asbestos is). Andy also stated that Brent Schlake is willing to lease the track machine to the city, which will be available in October. Andy hopes to get 4-5 more houses down this fall. Max asked what the building was zoned since it was originally a medical clinic. Mark Meints

asked how soon the city would be able to get the building down due to liability issues. After discussion Max made a motion to acquire the building at Lot 18 Block 14 Wymore original. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Employee Insurance and Dependent Premiums were discussed. After discussion about the current job market and being competitive as employers Sue made a motion for the City to pay employees up to the 65-year-old rate of premiums on employee and dependents for the purpose of health insurance premiums, with no money back for those who choose not to insure dependents. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Andy reminded the council that this cannot be a pretax disbursement.

Austin Jackson was in attendance to introduce the new Wymore Library employees who are Carla Wegner and Carolyn VanBoening. They were both present at the meeting. Austin also reported on some things he will be doing at the library. Mayor Pike and the council congratulated the new employees.

Austin also presented the resignation of Janet Roberts from the library. She had been helping Austin out during the transition. Max made the motion to accept Janet Roberts resignation. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mayor Pike and the council thanked Janet for her years of service.

McCandless Park School House insurance was discussed. The Welsh Heritage Center has the lease on the school but would like to explore the possibility of putting it on our LARM insurance policy and reimburse the city for the premiums. After some discussion the council will need more information. Tim will check in to the matter and put it back on the agenda at a later date.

Sue made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Milton Pike, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk