

City Council Meeting May 7, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on May 7, 2025, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council Persons Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. City Attorney Andy Carothers was also in attendance. Council Person Max Allen was absent. 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 Sue, seconded by Curt to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve claims and payroll except check numbers 29637 and 29640. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check number 29637. Motion carried 3-0 with Sue and Curt voting yes, Neil abstaining and Mayor Meints voting yes.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to approve check number 29640. Motion carried 3-0 with Sue and Neil voting yes, Curt abstaining and Mayor Meints voting yes.

Dilapidated Buildings: City Attorney Andy Carothers reported he had spoken to Chet McGrury, who would like a current contract in place before he does any inspections down here. Neil asked if the agreement would be ready for next meeting, and Andy stated yes. Utility Superintendent Tim Sedlacek asked Andy if instead of sending letters for empty properties, we could post a sign at the property. Andy stated he would get back to Tim after doing some research on the matter.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Martin Lopez Jr's request to have a mechanical bull at the Community Center on May 10th was discussed.

Attorney Carothers recommended not allowing it at this time. Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt that we disallow the mechanical bull at the Community Center May 10, 2025.

Motion by Sue seconded by Curt to approve what the Park Board had recommended for Pappy's Camels (to allow Kevin Kramer of Pappy's Camels to bring his camels to McCandless Park 1 time and offer rides). Motion carried 3-0.

Andy presented Ordinance 682: AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IT NECESSARY AND EXPEDIENT FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD TO VACATE A PLATTED BUT UNOPENED STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF WYMORE, NEBRASKA; TO VACATE "F" STREET BETWEEN 17th STREET AND 18TH STREET. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to suspend the three readings of Ordinance 682. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve ordinance 682. Attorney Andy Carothers read Ordinance 682. Motion carried 3-0. Jaqueline Baker asked if there was a deed. Andy stated it just needs to file at the Gage County Registrar of Deeds and he would do that the next day.

Carlee Fiddes (Beatrice Humane Society), Karen Kurbis (Brave Animal Rescue TNR) and Amy Bolton (The Purrpose-The Cat House), were in attendance to give an update on the TNR program that will be taking place in Wymore and Blue Springs beginning June 21st. They are still looking for a place to house the cats during the event. They will be coordinating with several veterinarians in the area and the K-State Veterinarian College will be bringing up a mobile trailer. There were several locations suggested to see if they would be available. Carlee presented a letter to the council in regard to a long term funding agreement. No action was taken by the council at this time.

Janet Riensche (City Clerk) presented two options for voice activated recording devices. At a previous meeting Council Person Max Allen reported the Library might be able to share the recordings on their news letter, but would not be able to attend all meetings. There was discussion about other ways to share the recordings. The Council will wait for further action on this until we can contact Austin Jackson (Librarian). Mayor Meints reported he spoke to Council Person Max Allen who requested Ordinance 683 regarding the Fire and EMS Departments be put on the next agenda.

Updating the Personnel Manual was discussed. Attorney Andy Carothers will integrate ours with the one sent from LARM and send it to Tara Stingley for review. Tim Sedlacek stated he had one more item to add, and will get that to Andy.

Motion by Neil seconded by Sue to approve the CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WYMORE PUBLIC WORKS - INFRASTRUCTURE Community Development Block Grant 24PWI017 and authorize Mayor Meints to sign it. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Chief Mark Meints presented the new Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Mutual Finance Organization (MFO) Funding. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Mutual Finance Organization and authorize Mayor Meints to sign it. Motion carried 3-0. Part of the agreement states the City shall appoint one person to serve on the Gage County Fire Protection Mutual Finance Organization Board of Directors. They shall also appoint one person to serve as an alternate. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to appoint Fire Chief Mark Meints as the City's Representative to the Gage County Fire Protection Mutual Finance Organization Board of Directors. Motion carried 3-0. Appointment of the alternate will be placed on the next agenda.

Janet Riensche (City Clerk) presented the 2025 LIGHT (League Insurance Government Health Team) Insurance Renewal Application. The Council would like time to review the renewal. This will be placed on the next agenda. It is due by May 23rd.

Tim Sedlacek presented a 2012 bucket truck with 28242 miles on it located in St Louis MO for Council approval. The purchase price would be \$105,600.00. This is within the 125,000.00 amount preapproved by the Council. He stated Altec will inspect the truck once it is here. Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to approve the purchase of the 2012 bucket truck from St Louis, MO for \$105,600.00 with 28242 miles on it. Motion carried 3-0.

Andy presented Ordinance 684 to Establish Compensation For The Officers And Employees Of The City. Neil was hesitant to pass the ordinance without raising Tim's compensation but was not ready to suggest a number. Andy stated that could be done at another later date without passing another ordinance. The statute only requires us to pass an ordinance once a year at budget time. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to suspend the three readings of Ordinance 684. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Sue seconded by Curt to approve Ordinance 684 An Ordinance to Establish Compensation For The Officers And Employees Of The City. Andy read Ordinance 684. Motion carried 3-0.

Attorney Carothers brought up some concerns about the Demolition Agreement with R. L. Tiemann. There was a Payment Bond Required by the State for this type of grant, that the contractor would pay the landfill fees. Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to give Andy the Authority to approve a new contract with R L Tiemann, and give Collin the Authority to sign it. Not to exceed and increase of \$2150.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to go into Executive Session with Gloria Henrichs and Ron Hohensee at 8:52 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

The Council came out of executive session at 9:33 pm.

Motion by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk