

Wymore City Council Regular Meeting October 21,2020

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on October 21, 2020, in the Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mayor Pike. Present were Councilpersons Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, Max Allen, and City Attorney Andy Carothers. 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 other proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Max, second by Curt, to approve the minutes from the October 7th, 2020 meeting. Carried 3-0
Motion by Sue, second by Curt, to approve claims and payroll. Carried 3-0

Public Comment:

Sue shared that with the recent passing of past council member Danny Hawkins, we should send a memorial. All council members and Mayor agreed, and Max noted that Danny should be recognized for his many years of service to the community.

Mark Meints shared that he had met with the group planning the Spooktacular event to discuss concerns with holding the event during the COVID pandemic and extra safety precautions that could be taken. Extra safety precautions are being taken at the fire hall as well to keep the members safe and healthy. The fire department will be participating in the funeral for Danny Hawkins as he was a current member of the department.

Tim Sedlacek wanted to remind community members that the Welsh Heritage Center is asking for community participation in filling out surveys regarding a future Inn to be built in Wymore. There are copies of the survey that can be picked up at the city office building.

Motion by Sue, second by Max, to go into executive session for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion carried 3-0. Council and City Attorney went into executive session, to discuss litigation, at 7:09. Motion made by Max, second by Sue to come out of executive session at 7:32. Motion carried.

City council received 2 contractor bids from Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND). These bids are for 2 projects that have been approved for the new Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Grant. Motion by Max, second by Sue, to accept contractor bids for project #002 and #003 for the OOR 19 Grant.

Motion made by Max, second by Sue, to accept the resignation of Darren Allington from the Wymore Fire Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Shepardson informed council that Officer Diehl had turned in her resignation from the Wymore Police Department and her last day will be Oct. 31, 2020. Chief Shepardson says his number of PT officers is minimal and he is requesting that the board consider a plan for compensation for Officer Schachtschabel and himself as they will be picking up the majority of extra shifts. Attorney Carothers will look into compliance with the Fair Labor Act and there will be more discussion at the next council meeting. Chief Shepardson will put together a list of expenses that Officer Diehl will need to reimburse the city for, per her signed contract.

Tim brought forward a job description for the utility position that will be open next spring. Tim shared he will be posting the job opening on multiple platforms, including Workforce Development, Indeed, etc. Motion by Max, second by Sue, to proceed with posting the position using the presented job description. Motion carried 3-0.

At the last council meeting Tim had brought a quote from Sapp Brothers for fuel cost for the upcoming year. There is a discount offered if fuel is paid for upfront. Fuel will be prepaid out of Light/Water Departments. Fuel usage will be calculated monthly, however, departments will be paying for their usage at the end of the fiscal year. Motion by Max, second by Curt, to approve fuel contract with advance payment. Motion carried 3-0.

At last council meeting Tim had presented the board with the results of the purple wave auction and sell of surplus items and provided a list of replacement equipment needs. He asked for clarification on if he needed council approval for each replacement item to be purchased. After a short discussion council all agreed that they had approved replacement purchase last meeting and as long as funds were in the budget he could work on getting equipment replaced. He also provided the council with an estimate for a new mower for the city. Motion made by Max, second by Sue, to accept bid for lawn mower purchase. Motion carried 3-0.

After the resignation of Councilperson Keith Ottersberg after the meeting on 10/7 the notice of vacancy was posted in three places around town, the city office, the post office, and the pharmacy. Neal VanBoening expressed an interest in being considered for the position. Mayor Pike nominated Neal VanBoening to fill the council seat. Motion made by Max, second by Sue, to accept the nomination. Motion carried 3-0. City Attorney Carothers said the oath of office will be administered at the next meeting.

City Attorney Carothers and Tim gave a brief update on dilapidated properties.

Once again the council discussed the city's outstanding balance to Skyline. Andy presented a report that provided Skyline's total invoice balance and the total amount received from the city's insurance. Andy went over the city's options to be compliant with the signed contract. Tim questioned the amount insurance approved for one project. Andy will check on that question and then reach out to Skyline to see if a settlement can be reached, so that all parties may move forward. It will be discussed again at the next council meeting.

Motion by Sue, second by Max, to adjourn meeting at 8:29 PM.


Milton Pike, Mayor


Melissa Wach, City Treasurer