

## City Council Meeting November 20, 2024

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on November 20, 2024, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Present were Council persons Max Allen, Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. City Attorney Andy Carothers 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 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 & Payroll except checks # 29056, 29061, 29122 & 29089. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to approve check # 29056. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve checks # 29061 & 29122. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Building-City Superintendent Tim Sedlack informed the council that Bockman has completed the asbestos inspection on the Gambles Building, there is some asbestos to be removed. Waiting on Tieman for a date. Councilman Max Allen commented that the building next door is falling now. Councilwoman Sue Sapp said another part of the Gamble's sign fell down. The piles of items being removed from the Gambles building are becoming a nuisance. This will be added to the list for a nuisance letter to be sent out. Kirby Cohorst stated that property at 213 S 7<sup>th</sup> the ceiling has fallen in, and it would make a nice green space. That property is currently in litigation.

Public Comment- Mark Meints would like to Police SUV put on the next agenda, it seems to be having some issues that he would like to discuss what to do with. Councilman Neil Van Boening would like the North Central Emergency Vehicle invoice added to the next agenda to follow up on that.

The Wymore Blue Springs Area Fund was in attendance to present a Youth Engagement Grant Check to the City of Wymore for Rodea Arena Improvements. The check from Nebraska Community Foundation was matching funds from Wymore Blue Springs Area Fund and Fund for Children & Youth Grant. Mayor Meints thanked them for all their hard work to improve the parks.

The Council was presented with the EMS Contract renewal with Dr. Kruger the medical director. Councilman Max Allen shared his concern with the some of the wording in the contract. He would like this contract directed more towards EMS. Councilman Neil Van Boening agreed that Max made a good point, that is a liability for the city. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to table the EMS Contract renewal until the next meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

The Demolition Contract at 518 N 11<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed. Dale Rudloff paid \$9100.00 and signed the contract. The house contains asbestos, no price yet for the removal. Dale also paid for the mowing and asbestos inspection. City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek suggested the city help with back filling the property, we have dirt available. We are waiting for the bill from the asbestos inspection.

City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek stated that he had just received the quote back for the backhoe. The council discussed the warranty and extended warranty. Tim stated that he will have a contract at the next meeting.

The Fire Department Transfer was discussed, City Treasurer Krystal Rutti suggested the fire department add a line item for a transfer. The transfers will have to be voted on at the end of the fiscal year. It was suggested that we reach out to our auditor to see if they can come to a meeting to explain how to go about this transfer and answer any questions that the council might have.

MFO Funds were discussed. MFO money is used for fire protection and operations of the fire department. Motion by Max to set up separate account for MFO money. Max resent his motion. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to set up a separate MFO account to be tracked and monitored. Neil asked about signers. The account will be like the others through the city. Motion carried 4-0. Discussion of the employee compensation package will be moved to the next meeting. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to move Employee Compensation Package to the next meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve General Administration Contract with SENDD for 24PWI016 CDBG. Execution of the General Administration contract will be contingent on the execution of the DED grant agreement, as well as SENDD's board approval which should take place on December 5th, hence the effective date of December 6th. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Construction management Contract CDBG 24PWI016. Execution of the Construction Management contract will be contingent upon the issuance of the Release of Funds/Environmental Clearance by DED, and contract execution will not take place prior to that date. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Nolan Zimmerman as a Firefighter and Ellasyn Kotinek as a Cadet Firefighter. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief Mark Meints explained the years requirements for Fire Department Officers, 2 years for an officer, 3 years for Chief, truck foreman just elected, and secretary/treasurer don't need to be on the department. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Fire Department Officers, Mark Meints-Chief, Collin Meints-1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief, Trevor Kujath-2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief, Zach Borzekofski-Safety Training Officer, Nick Kotinek- Truck Foreman and Rylee Meints-Assistant Truck Foreman. Motion carried 4-0.

The Morris Grant Application was discussed. The bid from Caspers Construction for the Community Center included changing the front door to one 42-inch door. Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to do match of \$20,000 for the Morris Grant out of the Keno account. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Neil Van Boening, Mayor Collin Meints and City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek interviewed a few people for the open Lineman Position. They offered the job to Trevor Campbell who initially accepted the position but called back and declined the position. He took another position closer to his home.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to go into Executive Session at 8:30pm for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion carried 4-0.

The council came out of executive session at 9:31pm.

Councilman Max Allen went and got the EMS Trust Fund checkbook and bank cards to be placed in the safe. 2 cards-1 expired and 2 checkbooks.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 9:35pm.

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Mayor Collin Meints

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Krystal Rutti Deputy Clerk

