

City Council Meeting November 1, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on November 1, 2023, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. 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 Curt, seconded by Max to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except checks 27599, & 27605. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check # 27599. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check # 27605. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings were discussed. Andy Carothers stated that Linc One is planning to tear down the two buildings they own at 107 N 10th and 216 S 11th. There is now a complaint on file with the court about the building at 207 S 7th. Other properties were discussed but no action was taken.

Public Comment: Neil VanBoening expressed his appreciation for the city staff participation in Spooktacular. Mark Meints stated the Fire Department won the contest for best booth.

Business:

Andy Carothers presented a new proposed contract for the Police Chief, with an amended compensation agreement. The amendment being that overtime would be paid to the chief at his hourly rate and calculated according to Exhibit A. Neil asked about section 4 D which states that once the department is fully staffed the overtime clause would discontinue. Andy stated that once the department is fully staffed Chief Martinez should be able to complete his duties within the hours specified in Exhibit A.

Motion by Max Seconded by Sue to approve the contract as amended with Exhibit a and overtime being paid at the regular hourly pay with the overtime going away when the department is fully staffed.

Motion carried 4-0

Police Chief Martinez has completed his Management Training except for a 2 hour on-line portion which he has not yet received from the academy. He does not know when that portion will be made available to him.

Motion by Max seconded by Sue to approve the Police Chiefs Management increase as described in the contract. Motion carried 4-0.

Neil asked if we needed a motion to make the overtime payment retroactive.

Motion by Max seconded by Neil to make the overtime retroactive from the date that we amended his paycheck to present at the previous rate of pay. Motion carried 3-1. Roll call was Sue-yes, Curt-no, Max-yes and Neil-yes.

The bank notified Melissa Wach that the ARPA CD will mature on November 8th. It is now earning .5 % in interest. We can close the current 24-month CD and re-open a new 12-month CD at 4.95 %. She needs the council's permission to do so.

Motion by Max seconded by Sue to cash in the ARPA CD and then renew it at 4.95% for 12 months.

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max seconded by Sue to approve the employee appreciation list and a meal to be held Friday

December 29th with the city closing at noon and allowing alcohol after business hours, at the shop.
Motion carried 4-0.

Karen Day was present to express some concerns. She would like a petition to reduce the allowed days for fireworks for the 4th of July to the 3rd and 4th out of respect for veterans. She would also like to see the Police Chief patrolling more at the high school and people working together to improve the city. There was considerable discussion but, no action was taken by the council.

Motion to adjourn by Sue, seconded by Max.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk