

Wymore City Council Regular Meeting November 18, 2020

The Wymore City Council met in an open and public session on November 18, 2020. The meeting was held in the Wymore Community Center due to COVID-19. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Milton Pike at 7:02 pm. Present were Mayor Pike, Max Allen, Sue Sapp, and Neil VanBoening. Councilman Curt Oblinger was not in attendance. City Attorney Andy Carothers was available by phone. Notice of Public Hearing was posted in three places, (Wymore City Office, United States Postal Service Office, and Arbor State Pharmacy) by 5pm on November 13, 2020. 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.

The minutes from the November 4th Council Meeting were read. Neil pointed out that the date for the minutes approved at that meeting was incorrect. The date will be corrected from September 16th to October 21, 2020. Sue made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sue made the motion to approve Claims and Payroll. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor called for public comment. There were no public comments from the floor.

Andy gave an update on dilapidated buildings over the phone. He stated that condemned notices would be going out to the two properties that had been inspected. He also stated he would like to coordinate with Blue Springs on another round of inspections, as they have 5 upcoming. This would save both cities money.

Mayor addressed the question of imposing a mask mandate. He stated that he wanted to bring it up for discussion, because several municipalities in the area have already adopted mandates. He stated he is not in favor of a mask mandate. There were several comments from the community opposing a mandate. Some felt it would only make people more resistant. There was also the question of feasibility of enforcement. There was a comment urging the Mayor to make a proclamation, to make people more aware. The Mayor said he would not issue a mandate at this time unless there was a state wide mandate. There was a question of clarification. Does that mean not at this time or there will never be a mask mandate issued. Max stated not at this time.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan which was tabled at the last meeting was addressed. There have been no changes since the copies were passed out at that meeting. There was a discussion about the Fire and EMS Departments needed to turn in their own plans. EMS has been done. Fire will be getting theirs in. Tim stated the plan is due by November 20, 2020 or we will not qualify for any FEMA grants. Max made the motion to pass the Hazard Mitigation Plan as is

noting that the Fire and EMS Departments are required to turn in their own plans. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Andy presented a plan to pay overtime to the two full-time Police Officers, to cover shifts not covered by part-time officers, until another full-time officer can be hired. In the plan(attached) Jordan will be paid time and half for time worked over 171 hours in 28 days and Tony (Chief of Police) will be paid part time pay rate of \$21.22 for any hours over 171 hours. Tony was concerned that the overtime does not affect his budget. Max made the motion to adopt the policy as presented by Andy. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There was discussion about the Fire and EMS radio frequency. Andy stated that Barneston and Odell will be getting their own repeaters. The new equipment needs added to our insurance policy, they still have the old equipment listed. Mark will call Mr. Ostergard to come down and explain what is going on with it and give a valuation for insurance. We will negotiate with Blue Springs since they are now using it.

Tim requested permission for the employees to use the Community Center for a Christmas get together on Dec 5th and be allowed to have alcohol provided the state health directives will allow. Max asked what hours and how many people would be invited. Tim stated probably less than 40 people would attend and the hours would be between 7pm to 11pm. Max made the motion to allow the city employees to use the Community Center for the get together provide all health directives are fallowed. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim also requested we do the same meat package from Behrend's that has been done in the past. Max made the motion that the city gift the employees the same meat package that was done last year. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Election of EMS Offices was presented by Shawna Schwartz. Rescue Chief-Shawna Schwartz (2 yr. term), Assistant Rescue Chief-Anthony Troxel (1 yr. term) also serving as Certification Administrator, Secretary/Treasurer-Katelynn Lovell (2 yr. term), Interim Safety/Training Officer-Brian Polson (1 yr. term), Jeff Argo-President (1 yr. term). Neil made the motion that the slate of officers be approved as presented. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS asked for permission to attend NEMSA Conference January 15-17, 2021 at Kearney, NE. with expenses paid. They are requesting to send the entire department. All lunches and banquet are included in the registration. Neil made the motion to approve attendance of the conference. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim asked the council to approve the purchase of a used snow plow (purchase agreement attached) for \$46,250.00. Tim explained the truck was previously used as a chipper truck, which would not meet the city's needs with sides built up, so there is an expense in removing that. There are some other repairs that need done to the truck which is included in the cost or paid by the seller. Max asked how the truck would be transported. Tim stated he would have to go

get it. Max made the motion the plow be purchased for \$46,250.00. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Pike stated that he would like to appoint Jane Mallam to the CRA Board to fill the seat left vacant by the passing of Daniel Hawkins. Sue made the motion to accept the appointment. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mark presented the Election of Officers for the Fire Department. He stated they were the same as last year. Chief-Mark Meints, 1st Assistant Chief-Collin Meints, 2nd Assistant-Chief Robert Fletcher, President-David Kaster, Safety Training Officer-Trevor Kujath. Max inquired if there were any other candidates interested. Mark said no. The Mayor inquired about the Secretary/Treasurer position. Mark stated that it is now a position that is paid by the meeting, and is help by Lori Wolfe. Max made the motion to accepted the Slate of Officers as presented. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mark presented Bryce Kotinek as an applicant for Cadet. He stated Bryce was presented an award at the last Fire Banquet for his quick actions at a fire involving his parents' house. Max made a motion to accept Bryce Kotinek as a cadet. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Peggy Henrichs presented her resignation by letter. Neil made the motion to accept the resignation. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The Mayor stated he regretted having to accept the resignation, but wishes Peggy well in her retirement.

Brad Slaughter was in attendance to present a proposal for refinancing on 3 existing bonds from Piper Sandler & Co. After much discussion and going over the plan (Attached) it was decided to table the discussion for further review and put it on the next agenda.

Tim brought to the boards attention that Norris Public Power would like official permission to run 3 phase electrical to the Wymore Country Club for their irrigation system. He stated that it is closer for Norris to run and would cost the City of Wymore too much to run from a much further distance. Poles would have to be refitted and the cost would be much higher than the return would ever be. Max made a motion to allow Norris to run the electrical for the irrigation system only. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Milton Pike/Mayor

Janet Riensche/City Clerk