

City Council Meeting November 19, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on November 19, 2025, in the Community Center. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Max, seconded by Curt to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Claims & Payroll except checks # 30568 & 30585.

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check #30585. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check #30568. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings- No comments

Public Comment- No comments

Pam Gerdes was in attendance to ask to submit a grant application to the Morris Endowment asking for an additional \$15,000 to go towards the fence at the cemetery. Motion by Neil, seconded by Max, to approve and allow the application for the cemetery for the Morris Endowment Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief Mark Meints was in attendance with Jennifer Heckman who was voted by the fire department to be approved to join the department. Jennifer has been an active member of the friends of the department. Jennifer's husband is also an active member of the department. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve the new member of the Fire Department Jennifer Heckman. Motion carried 4-0.

During discussion for a possible New Hope Task Force Mayor Meints stated he had reached out to a few people but was having trouble finding neutral people. Wanda Wallman, the new owner of the Hope building, stated she had talked to City Attorney Andy Carothers, and he thought it would be a good idea to have a task force with people from different areas. Mayor Meints read off a layout with ideas of people from different areas that could possibly be involved in the task force. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to retract his motion to develop a task force. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to not approve ordinance 688 based on a non-binding recommendation on the planning and zoning committee and secondly the large portion of the city that is zoned R2 which would be affected. Motion carried 4-0. Ordinance No. 688 An Ordinance pertaining to planning and zoning; to amend the definition of group home in sections 3.3 of the zoning regulations to increase the maximum number of allowable residents from sixteen (16) to fifty (50); to amend section 5.34 of the R-2 residential single and multifamily district to include group homes as permitted special uses; to provide for the repeal of conflicting ordinances or sections; to provide for an effective date.

Josh Leseberg contacted Mayor Meints asking to be put on the next agenda. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to table until the next agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

During discussion of considerations of a hiring bonus for the police department Neil, Police Department Advisory Committee (PDAC) Chairman brought forth the recommendation of a \$15,000 sign on bonus, which would be spaced out in hopes of hiring a Chief. Councilmen Max asked for a schedule of how to pay out before council approves it. This item will be placed on the next agenda. During the police department report there was no report from the PDAC committee and no new applications.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Janet to attend 2026 Nebraska Clerks Institute and Academy March 15-20, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve having the employee appreciation dinner on December 13th at the community center and the Christmas bonus for all employees at the city. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve treasure hunt donation of community cash in \$10 increments up to \$100. Motion carried 4-0.

During discussion of Cruise Under the Lights, City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek would like to sync shutting the lights off downtown with the living nativity at the Church of Christ and Santa coming to Lori's lights which will be on December 13, 2025. This will be the same time frame as last year.

During discussion of the newly elected officers of the fire department Councilman Max asked what the changes were, safety officer and truck foreman. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve the elected officers for the fire department as listed: Chief-Mark Meints, 1st Assistant Chief- Collin Meints, 2nd Assistant Chief Trevor Kujath, President Dave Kaster, Safety Training Office Katlynn Lovell, Truck Foreman Bryan Heckman and Assistant Truck Foreman Rylee Meints. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn by Sue at 7:33pm

Collin Meints, Mayor

Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk