

City Council Meeting November 5, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on November 5, 2025, in the Wymore Community Center. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:12 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. 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 from the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve claims and payroll except check, 30495, 30500, 30503, & 30538. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Curt, seconded by Sue, to approve checks 30495 & 30538. Motion carried 3 – 0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve check 30500. Motion carried 3 – 0 with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check 30503. Motion carried 3 – 0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: Attorney Andrew Carothers reported that he has submitted the final report to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Energy on the Down Town Revitalization Grant. The City will get a notification to pay back the money not used, which should be around \$7,250.00.

Public Comment: Roy Lauby's company will be doing a fund raiser for the local food banks. He would like this to be placed on the next agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING ZONING ORDINANCE 688.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 688, an ordinance pertaining to planning and zoning regulations for special uses permitted to include group homes, with up to 50 residents. Motion passed 4-0.

The public hearing was well attended by approximately 200 people. Many views were voiced for and against the zoning change. A copy of the comments can be requested from the City Clerk in raw form. One suggestion was to form a task force.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to close the public hearing at 8:38 pm. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Max and Sue stated they thought we should do the task force. Neil stated we asked the Planning and Zoning Commission to advise us. We should take their advice. This whole thing started badly. Our office staff was treated rudely. I asked for information and was given a link. Gertrude is upset with me for asking questions. Curt stated if the school's not comfortable with it I'm not in favor of it. Max requested the formation of a task force be placed on the next agenda.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to table Ordinance 688. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Max thanked everyone for taking the time to come to the meeting.

Max thanked those who came to the meeting on behalf of the council.

Josh Leseberg requested he be placed on the next agenda.

Jeff Murphey was present to share his views on the City and School working together to obtain a resource officer/local police presence. Neil stated the Police Department Advisory Committee is also looking into hiring a head hunter agency to fill the police chief position. They are also considering a hiring bonus. The hiring bonus will be on the next agenda.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue, to authorize Mayor Meints to sign the ACH form to be submitted to the Gage County Treasurer. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to table the discussion about Recodification of the City of Wymore Municipal Code book. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to table the subject of Community Center Grants. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to pass Resolution 2025-05 to allow Mayor Meints to sign the Annual Certification of Street Superintendent. Andy read Resolution 2025-05. **RESOLUTION SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT 2025.** Resolution No. 2025-05 **Whereas:** State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the

requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and **Whereas:** The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the City Street Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form; and **Whereas:** The NDOT requires that each certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the city street superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes; showing the appointment of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable), and Class of License (if applicable), and type of appointment, i.e., employed, contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning date of the appointment; and **Whereas:** The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy a resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson. **Be it resolved** that the Mayor of the City of Wymore is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent completed form(s). Adopted this 5th day of November, 2025
Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Sue to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk