

## City Council Meeting October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

They Wymore City Council met in open and public session on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in the council chambers. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Sue Sapp, Max Allen, Curt Oblinger, and City Attorney Andy Carothers. Neil Van Boening was absent from the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given 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 acknowledgment of receipt is attached. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Max, second by Curt to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve claims and payroll, except for checks #24592 and #24594. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve checks #24592 and #24594. Motion carried 2-0, with Max abstaining.

Public Comment: Colin Meints spoke on his attendance at the annual NSVFA conference in Chadron last week. Mark Meints was elected as secretary for NSVFA.

Tim wanted to remind everyone about the power upcoming power outage on Monday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Dilapidated Properties: The city has received the Quitclaim Deed for the property at 501 S. 15<sup>th</sup>. Tim can begin work on the lot. There was continued discussion on some of the properties downtown.

Brian Kelsay was in attendance to discuss his building permit application for 209 W F. He answered questions that council members had for him. Motion by Max to approve the presented plan, including the sidewalk as drawn, for 209 W F. Second by Sue. Carried 3-0

Melissa shared with the council a proposal from HBE for auditing and budget services. Discussion was held on the increased price on services and the length of time on the proposed contract. Council had a couple questions that Janet or Melissa will clarify. Approval of proposal is tabled until next meeting.

Angela Meyer had reached out to council to ask the city for a donation to the annual treasure hunt event. Motion by Max, second by Sue, to approve ten prizes of \$10 community cash. Motion carried 3-0.

Council held discussion on the proposed contract from HMKB Billing out of Tecumseh, to take over our EMS billing. Council would like them to take over our billing as of January 1, 2022. Andy will draft a letter to our current EMS billing company to give them sufficient notice that we will be changing companies. Motion by Max, second by Sue, to enter into the agreement with HMBK Billing LLC, with an amendment to the contract so it reads 'between HMBK Billing LLC and the City of Wymore', rather than Wymore EMS. Motion carried 3-0.

Carmen McKeever had sent an updated contract to council for the Blue River Area Agency on Aging Senior Diners. Andy had looked over the contract and said it was similar to the contract signed last year. Mark was ok with the council approving it as well. Motion by Sue, second by Max to approve the contract with Blue River Area Agency on Aging for senior diners. Motion carried 3-0.

Melissa brought information to the council from Mainstreet Bank, which was recently bought out by Western National Bank. Due to the new ownership, new paperwork needs to be filled out stating who is

approved to complete the cities standard banking needs. Motion by Max, second by Sue, to approve the resolution of lodge association or other similar organization, to open an account for ARPA funds, and approve a required 2 signatures, of the 4 listed on the contract, to sign checks and complete other banking needs. Motion carried 3-0.

Melissa reported on an unusual utility deposit, for a large amount, that was made on our online portal last week. After reaching out to the processing company it is believed that this is not a real deposit and more than likely will not go through the customer's bank. Melissa updated council on the steps that will need to be taken when/if the city receives word that the payment was returned. The required refund that would need to be made to the processing company will need to part of claims at the Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting.

A letter was received from LARM recently indicating that they had paid out on a claim that the police department had filed, regarding damage to a property that happened during a search warrant. LARM paid the entire claim, and are requesting the city send a check to them to reimburse them for our deductible. Motion by Max, second by Sue, to approve reimbursement to LARM for \$2500, for the PD claim. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim presented the council with multiple quotes from Tillotson and ABC Roofing to repair the roof and paint the city shop. The building was damaged during storms a couple of years ago, and work that is covered by insurance needs to get done. Discussion was held on the comparison of quotes. Motion by Max, second by Sue to approve Tillotson and Blue Valley quotes for \$48,496 for repairs and painting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 9:00 PM.