

## City Council Meeting October 15, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on October 15, 2025, 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. 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 Sue to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve claims and payroll except checks #30449 & 30471. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check #60471. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check #30449. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings- Attorney Carothers is working on the final report from the Gambles building that is due to the state on November 1<sup>st</sup>. On the 3 properties, Attorney Carothers is in the process of scheduling a date and time for inspections. The Sommerville house is about a week out to be able to get an inspection warrant. The first meeting in December, add to the agenda, discussion to apply for another Downtown Revitalization Grant. Councilmen Van Boening asked if the deed for the 7<sup>th</sup> street property has been filed, Attorney Carothers has taken it up and the city will have to pay a small amount of taxes on that property.

Public Comment: Roy Lauby inquired if the council has been approached about the closing of 10<sup>th</sup> street. Mayor Meints replied that it has been brought to his attention but has never been brought to the council for discussion.

Gertrude Makgabenyana from New Hope Agency, PC was in attendance, along with multiple staff members, to explain and answer questions about the program for the youth residential facility she is working towards opening. Wanda Wallman, who is in the process of purchasing the building was also in attendance. Gertrude explained the 3-step program they will have in place to help the girls work towards transiting out of the program. Gertrude stated that she has had meetings with the school and sheriff's office to discuss the program also. Councilman Van Boening asked for a plan on paper, stating that he is a visual person. Shawna Argo Rescue Chief and Mark Meints Fire Chief voiced their hopes and concerns between the facility and the first responders. Attorney Carothers explained the process of how planning and zoning would work to allow a group home in R-2. A planning and zoning committee meeting will be set up for the first week in November.

Joe and Kaylynn McCormick and Dan Howell were in attendance to explain that they have taken over the circuit for tractor pulls. They are looking for a more permanent location to host this event. Attorney Carothers asked that they name the city as an additional insured on the policy, and we have a copy of the policy. This has been run by the park board; they didn't have any opposition. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to allow the old skating rink to be used for the tractor pulls. Motion carried 4-0.

Shawna Argo Rescue Chief was in attendance to share information about the grant money the EMS received from the Cattleman's Ball. Councilman Allen explained all the countless hours and work that Shawna put into this event. The council thanked Shawna and the EMS for all the work they did. The money will go towards new equipment for the department.

Attorney Carothers asked that the Recodification of the code book be put on the next agenda due to him waiting to hear back from Joe.

During discussion of the fees list, City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek presented fees list from surrounding areas and invoices from materials used during recent installation of water taps. Motion

by Max, seconded by Sue to approve the fees for water \$250 tap fee, trenching, boring and materials to be included in the hook up. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue @9:35pm to enter Executive Session for the protection of the public interest and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion by Max to come out of executive session at 10:11pm.

Motion by Max to adjourn at 10:13pm

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Collin Meints, Mayor

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Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk