

City Council Meeting October 4, 2023

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on October 4, 2023, in the Council Chambers. 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 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. 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 Sue to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearing. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Max, seconded by Curt to approve claims and payroll except checks 27507, 27513 & 27541. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve checks 27507 & 27541. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Max to approve check # 27513. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining. Dilapidated Buildings were discussed. There were several properties on the list. City Attorney Andy Carothers is still looking into the assets of the Gambles building owners and stated it will be expensive to tear down. A list of those properties that were next to be demolished was discussed. There are several that will be at the expense of the property owner, and a few that have or will be deeded to the city.

Public Comments:

Tim Sedlacek stated the street lights are working downtown. They will start working on updates to the Christmas decorations next week.

Business:

Samantha Thompson was present to request street closures for the 8th Annual McCandless Spooktacular. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve October 29th closure from 2-5 pm of G & H Streets from 13th to 14th and 13th Street from G to H for the 8th Annual McCandless Spooktacular. Motion carried 4-0.

Fiscal Raises were discussed. Collin presented a proposal for the Council to consider. Andy will have an Ordinance ready for the next Council Meeting. Neil would like to have the ordinance ready so raises can be added October first in the future.

The Chief of Police contract was discussed. Max and Neil met with Chief Martinez, October 3rd for about 2 hours. Max stated the Chief has had 3 possible candidates, of which 1 is a possible good candidate but would need to go to the academy. Max proposed Chief Martinez be paid his hourly rate for overtime hours. Chief Martinez has agreed to this rate. Andy will do research to see if a contract written that way will stand up. No further action was taken at this time.

Janet Riensche presented a proposal letter from Lengemann and Associates to assist with the fiscal year 2025 budget. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve the fiscal year 2025 proposal from Lengemann and Associates to assist will Budget Preparation for \$3,750.00 and that the Mayor be able to sign with the Village of Wymore being changes to the City of Wymore. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek asked the Council what they would like to do about trash containers for downtown. They will be pole hanging like the old ones. It was the consensus Tim put them where they are needed. It was also suggested to look into cigarette containers. Collin said the do make some pole mounted containers. Max presented an application for a new member to EMS.

Neil made a motion to approve the new member. The applicant was not present at the meeting. Neil rescinded his motion. Max will ask the new member to be present at the next Council meeting.

A donation to the Annual Treasure Hunt was discussed. This has been taken over by the Parents of the Junior Class to support Post Prom.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to donate ten \$10.00 in Community Cash to the Southern High School Parents of the Junior Class for the Treasure Hunt.

Tim Sedlacek brought it to the council's attention that Purple Wave will not sell the military truck because we do not have a title. Andy suggested applying for a lost bonded title. Tim will look into it and see if he can get it on the next Purple Wave Auction. Mark asked about the Fire Department items. Purple Wave did not come and take pictures. Tim will call them.

Motion by Sue to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk