

Wymore City Council
Meeting October 7, 2020

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on October 7, 2020, in the Wymore Community Center. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Milton Pike at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, Max Allen, Keith Ottersberg, Utilities Superintendent Tim Sedlacek, and City Attorney Andrew Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in the following three places: the Wymore Post Office, the Arbor State Pharmacy, and the City Office. Notice was given to the Mayor and Council, and their acknowledgement of receipt is attached hereto. All other proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public. Mayor Pike announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Law was on the west wall of the Council Chambers for anybody to read.

Minutes: Councilmember Allen moved to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2020, meeting. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Sapp. Motion carried, 4-0.

Claims & Payroll: Councilmember Allen moved to approve the claims and payroll, except for check #22978. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Sapp. Motion carried, 4-0. Councilmember Sapp moved to approved check # 22978. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Oblinger. Motion carried 3-0-1; Allen abstaining.

Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Oblinger moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Sapp. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: Utilities Superintendent Sedlacek spoke about the recycling trailer, and gas bids. Farmers Coop will not lock in prices due to uncertainty. For gasohol, Sapp Bros gave a price of \$1.859/gallon for 5,000 gallons if paid in advance, and \$1.889/gallon for 5,000 gallons with 20% paid up front. For diesel, Sapp Bros gave a price of \$1.629/gallon for 5,000 gallons if paid in advance, and \$1.679/gallon for 5,000 gallons with 20% paid up front. Purchase of bulk gas will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Dilapidated Building: Attorney Andrew Carothers gave an update on progress made to get buildings inspected, and also gave an update on progress by the Berwyn Jones Trust on getting the Arbor State building tore down.

BUSINESS

Approve UB-IB Contract w/Simple City – Utilities Superintendent Tim Sedlacek presented the contract with Simple City to provide the ability of customers to pay their utilities bills with a credit card. Once the City is up and running with the new payment system, other payments will be added. Councilmember Ottersberg moved to approve contract and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

Fill Retiring Employee Position – Mayor Pike announced that Brad Breunsbach will be retiring in either March or April of 2021, and the fact that the City will need to fill a lineman position. The possibility to contract with Norris Public Power District to provide lineman services was discussed. Councilmembers Allen and Oblinger agreed to serve on a committee to look at options, and the City will advertise for the lineman position with a pay range included. In addition to advertising

locally, the City will also advertise outside of Wymore and Beatrice, and will place an advertisement on the League of Nebraska Municipalities website.

Purple Wave Auction Results & Replacements – Utilities Superintendent Tim Sedlacek handed out information on the results of the Purple Wave auction of surplus municipal equipment and estimates of what it might cost to replace certain items of equipment taking into consideration monies budgeted for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The auction was very successful, and Utilities Superintendent will begin the process of getting quotes to replace the equipment. The results of the auction can be inspected at the City office.

Executive Session Personnel – Councilmember Sapp moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). Councilmember Oblinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, and the Mayor and City Council went into executive session at 7:26 p.m. Mayor and City Council came out of executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Executive Session EMS - Councilmember Sapp moved to go into executive session to discuss EMS personnel and to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). Councilmember Oblinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, and the Mayor and City Council went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. Mayor and City Council came out of executive session at 8:40 p.m.

There being no further business in front the City Council, Councilmember Ottersberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew K. Carothers
Acting City Clerk

Milton Pike/Mayor