City Council Meeting October 7, 2026

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on October 7, 2026, in the Wymore Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Sue Sapp, Max Allen, Curt Oblinger and Neil Van Boening. City Attorney Andrew Carothers was also present. 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 and on the City Website. 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 Sue, seconded by Curt to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve claims and payroll except checks number 31837, 31845, 31877, 31880 & 31881. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve checks number 31837, 31877 & 31880. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check number 31845. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: Attorney Andrew Carothers reported he has been in contact with Chet McGrury and asked him to set up a time to come down and check the two properties we have permission to go into. He will have Janet (City Clerk) hopefully tomorrow send out three more letters. So hopefully we can get Chet to come down and do three or four at one time.

There was no Public Comment.

Laureen Riedesel and Margaret Dunn, were in attendance to present the Great Plains Welsh Centre's "Planting Bulbs" campaign. They have presented this to the Park Board and have their blessing to plant daffodils in some of the public parks. They will also be planting at the Welsh Centre and the Heritage Inn along with encouraging citizens to plant some. They will be having a 'Learn All About Planting Spring Blooming Bulbs-Including Daffodils!' on October 15th at 6:30 pm. They will also ask for volunteers to help plant Daffodils on October 24th from 10 am to 2 pm. They asked for input from the City on where to plant in City Parks. Tim will provide this information.

EMS requested a waiver of the probationary period by law requiring 6 months before R&R is paid out for an active member. This is one of the bylaws in the proposed changes. Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve check number 31881. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to Table EMS Officer Pay and EMS Bills to the next meeting by Max, seconded by Sue. Motion carried 4-0.

EMS requested the probationary period be waived for the member to be able to take the position of EMS Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by Neil, seconded by Max. Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Carothers explained the changes that were made to Ordinance 693 Zito Franchise Agreement from the original ordinance. He also stated he would recommend the council go ahead and pass this ordinance and then pass an ordinance enacting a 3% tax on all telecommunications.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to suspend the required three readings of Ordinance 693. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to approve Ordinance 693. Andy read Ordinance 693. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to suspend the required three readings of Ordinance 692 Employee Compensation. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue seconded by Neil to approve Ordinance 692. Neil stated he would like to amend the compensation for the Utility Superintendent from 37.24 per hour to 41.26 per hour. The Council consensus was in agreement. Motion by Sue to amend the Utility Superintendent's hourly wage

from 37.24 per hour to 41.26 per hour. Motion carried 4-0. Sue made a motion to resend her motion to approve Ordinance 692. Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil, to approved Ordinance 692 as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was had about entering into an agreement with a realtor to help sell the house at 719 N 7th. Two realtors submitted proposals. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to enter into and agreement with Tracy Zimmerman to sell the house at 719 N 7th St. Motion carried 4-0.

Max Manuilov stated he has been in contact with Beatice Community Hospital about their intentions with the old Wymore Clinic building. It was indicted they planned to sell the building or transfer it. The Council would like to look at the building for possible use. Collin will get in contact with BCH and see what he can set up. Max Manuilov will get Collin the contact information. Andy stated we can either post a special meeting at the building if there is a quorum or invite BCH representatives to a regular meeting and have them on the agenda.

Chief Rath would like to hire two part-time officers (Doug Klaus and Tim Hansen) for minimal shifts. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue to Authorize Chief Rath to hire Doug Klaus and Tim Hansen as part-time officers. Motion carried 4-0.

Andy will work out a time to administer the oath of office to the two officers.

Utility Superintendent Tim Sedlacek reported the water project is pretty much wrapped up. There are a few minor things to finish. He listed some street repairs that need to be made because of the project. The bid he has is just under $90,000.00. He should have the final numbers on the water project by next meeting.

Motion by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk