

## City Council Meeting September 15, 2021

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on September 15, 2021, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Milton Pike called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM. Present were Council persons Neil VanBoening, Max Allen, Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger and City Attorney Andy Carothers. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, Arbor State Pharmacy, and 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.

Max Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Curt Oblinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Curt Oblinger made a motion to approve claims and payroll. Sue Sapp seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Public Comment:**

Tim Sedlacek made the comment that the new bathrooms at Arbor State Park are now functional. The concrete is poured, but there is still some dirt work to be done. Sue made the comment that they look very nice. Neil VanBoening thanked the Park Board and the City.

Tim Sedlacek stated the Purple Wave Auction was over. The 1983 fire truck sold for \$3000.00, and the 2008 police car sold for \$2200.00.

### **Business:**

Max Allen made a motion to accept the proposed 2020-2021 Amended Budget. Neil VanBoening seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Max Allen made a motion to pass Resolution # 2021-7 to approve an additional 1% increase in the total funds, subject to limitations. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Sue Sapp made a motion to approve the additional expenses for debt service for the Amended Budget for 2020-2021. Max Allen seconded the motion. Motion Carried 4-0.

Max Allen made a motion to adopt the proposed 2021-2022 Budget. Sue Sapp seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There was extensive discussion about the 2021-2022 Departmental Budgets. Max Allen made a motion to accept the budget as presented with the provision that any excess revenue from EMS be transferred into EMS Special. Sue Sapp seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Alison Dunn and Luke Creek were in attendance to request permission to serve alcohol for a wedding reception at the Wymore Community Center on October 16, 2021, from 6:30pm to 10:30pm. She explained it would be a private party and they would have people watch the coolers to make sure no minors were served and separate coolers for soft drinks and water. Max asked if they would be using the beer garden and she said they would. Max made the motion to approve permission for Alison Dunn and Luke Creek to serve alcohol at the Community Center using the beer garden on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 6:30pm to 10:30pm for a private party. Curt Oblinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Austin Jackson was in attendance to request approval for Emily Iverson to join the Library Board. Max Allen made a motion to approve Emily Iverson as a new member to the Library Board. Sue Sapp seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

After much discussion about R&R (recruitment and retention) for the Wymore EMS. Sue Sapp made a motion to pay EMS Support Staff \$20.00 per call and Lead EMT's \$40.00 to be re-evaluated in 3-6 months. Neil seconded the motion. After more discussion, Sue Sapp amended her motion as follows. Motion to pay EMS Support Staff \$20.00 per call and Lead EMT's \$40.00 to be re-evaluated in 3-6 month with the provision that if expenses are more than

revenue at the end of the fiscal year the money will be transferred out of EMS Special to cover their expenses. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek presented a proposal for new meter readers. The old readers will not work with any of the new meters that have been installed recently. There is no technical support left for the old system. The purchase price of the new meter readers is \$12,465.00. After some discussion Sue made a motion to approve the purchase of the new meter readers for \$12,465.00. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Truck 61, the heavy rescue was discussed. Tim took it to Jonny's Welding to get an estimate for replacing the box. He is also looking into other options for the replacement. This item was tabled until further information is collected.

Chief Tony Shepardson presented a proposal to build a firing range to be used by the Wymore Police Department for training. The Planning and Zoning committee as met and recommended the approval of the firing range. Neil VanBoening made a motion to approve the proposal for the Wymore Police Department to build a firing range down by the sewer plant on city property. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Chief Tony Shepardson presented a proposal from Lauby Plumbing Heating and Air for a new heating and air unit at the police station for a bid of \$4136.00. Neil made a motion to approve the bid from Lauby Plumbing Heating and Air to put in a new heating and air unit at the police station for a bid of \$4136.00. Mac seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Janet Riensche gave an update on the matter of employee health insurance. She stated we can terminate the current plan at any time with no penalty. She is working on a Request for Proposal to send out to insurance companies.

Andy Carothers gave a report on dilapidated buildings. Gambles has been served with papers condemning the building and they have 60 days to demolish the building. If they don't the City will need to take steps toward getting it taken care of. He has been approached by adjoining building owner as well. Tim stated he is getting Bachman to do asbestos abatement on the 301 N 8<sup>th</sup> and 122 South 7<sup>th</sup> St. properties.

Janet Riensche presented email from a concerned citizen about the condition of sidewalks downtown. This matter is an ongoing concern that includes the street light replacement project. No action was taken at this time.

Mark Meints presented an invitation to Council to the Fire Departments up-coming Recruitment and Retention event September 26, 2021, from 1-3 Pm.

Sue Sapp made a motion to adjourn. Max Allen seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Milton Pike/Mayor

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Janet Riensche/City Clerk