City Council Meeting September 16, 2026

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on September 16, 2026, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Present were Council persons Sue Sapp, Neil Van Boening and Curt Oblinger. Council person Max Allen was absent. City Attorney Andrew 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 Sue, seconded by Curt to open the public hearing on the 2026-27 proposed budget at 7:01pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Attorney Carothers went over some of the information in the proposed budget. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to close the public hearing on the 2026-27 proposed budget. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to open the special hearing on the tax request. Motion carried 3-0. Attorney Carothers informed the council that if you request a different amount from the prior year then you must pass a resolution. The cost to run the city goes up every year which makes it hard to keep the same amount without getting behind. Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to close the public hearing on setting the property tax request at 7:15pm.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Curt, seconded by Sue to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve claims and payroll except check #31826. Motion carried 3-0. Council would like the supervisors to sign the time books for employees. Mayor Meints will reach out to the library.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to approve check #31826. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Meints voting and Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings-Attorney Carothers informed the council that Chief Rath has reports on 4 buildings to send out requests for inspections for properties at 320 S 9th, 306 N 8th, 408 N 8th and 820 W C st. Tieman will be submitting a rough estimate for 213 S 7th.

Public Comment- Mayor Meints wanted to thank everyone that helped with The Big Give and those who gave donations to go back to our area. Lisa Munstermann wanted to touch on Wymore losing the grocery store, it will be hard for people that don't travel. Chief Rath suggested reaching out to Dollar General about a Dollar General Market. Councilman Van Boening suggested checking into the Gathering Place at 105 E D to make sure they fit within the zoning regulations as the rooms are being rented out like apartments. Attorney Carothers will check into this. Councilman Van Boening was also concerned with the fact that we don't have a deputy city attorney. Attorney Carothers assured him that he has Mark Steel in place to take care of things if the need would arise.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve the 2026-27 budget. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilman Van Boening voiced his concern about the order of how things are done pertaining to the joint public hearing. We set and approve, then we attend the joint public hearing. Attorney Carothers informed the council that the school is the reason they put the lid law on the levy. The joint public hearing is just for people to go and vent. If someone speaks up at the joint public hearing we will not go back and change the budget. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue that we sign the property tax request. RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION NO 2026-04 WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Wymore passes by a majority vote or ordinance setting the tax request; and WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; NOW,THEREFORE, the Governing Body for the City of Wymore

resolves that: 1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at: General Fund: $240,385.03 Bond Fund: $219,569.00 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 5.53 percent. 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.590719 per $100 of assessed value. 4. The City of Wymore proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.728 per $100 of assessed value. 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Wymore will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 9.73 percent. 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

During discussion on the McCandless Ballfield City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek presented an estimate from Odeys for survey and GPS design to get a more accurate bid together to see how much dirt would be needed and where to get it from. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve the survey and GPS bid from Odeys for McCandless ballfield. Motion carried 3-0.

The discussion of EMS by laws, officer pay and bills will be added back on the agenda when they have everything together to come to the meeting.

During discussion of the Zito Franchise Ordinance 693 City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek brought to the councils' attention that this ordinance reads we will receive 3% of the cable tv, does that include the internet? Attorney Carothers will put some language in the ordinance that Zito will read 3% on all services provided. Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to table the Zito Franchise Ordinance until the October 7th meeting. Motin carried 3-0.

There was no discussion on the Strategic plan. Councilman Van Boening will notify the City Clerk if he has anything to discuss for the next meeting.

Creating classes for employee benefit was generated by providing Robert Sandersfeld with higher benefits. Mayor Meints thought there are other communities with tiered structures that they follow. Motion by Sue, seconded by Neil to table the employee benefit program for City Clerk Janet Riensche to reach out to other clerks so the council will have something to review. Motion carried 3-0.

During discussion of the Van Kirk Bros change order, City Superintendent Tim Sedlacek explained some of the changes including; the plans showed new line to the stop and they had the stop by the curb but that is not the case with these pits causing an extra 10 foot of line to be added to some. Motion by Neil, seconded by Sue that we approve the change order #2 to Van Kirk Brothers Contracting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Curt to approve pay application #3 to Van Kirk Brothers Contracting for $134,354.71. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to table discussion of Ordinance 692. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue at 8:04 to adjourn.

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Mayor Collin Meints Krystal Rutti, Deputy Clerk