

City Council Meeting September 2, 2026

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on September 2, 2026, in the Wymore Community Center. 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 Max, seconded by Sue, to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue, to approve claims and payroll except check numbers 31717 and 31728.

Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt, to approve check number 31717. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue, to approve check number 31728. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: There was discussion about a demolition contract for some down town buildings. Andy will get in touch with Tim Lottman. Several residential properties were discussed. Police Chief Rath was asked to get updated pictures of the exterior of the properties.

Public Comment: Max updated the Council that he, Curt and Tim met with a contractor for an estimate on the upgrades to the McCandless Ball Field. He stated the contractor needs to have the field GPS'd to give a good estimate. This will be on the next agenda. He also stated Tim suggested putting curb and gutter on the streets to keep the water from running onto the field and dugout area.

Neil asked about a Zito Media Contract. Andy reported he has been in contact with someone at that company and would like it on the next agenda.

Neil asked about a strategic plan that was discussed at a previous meeting. This will be on the next agenda. There was discussion about provisions of the new Police Officer's Contract regarding vacation and sick time. The next agenda will have discussion possible action on the creating classes of benefits.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Max, to approve the employment agreement dated September 2, 2026, with Robert Sandersfeld as Police Lieutenant for the City of Wymore. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Andrew Carrothers swore in the Robert Sandersfeld as the new Wymore Police Officer. Officer Sandersfeld and Mayor Meints signed the new contract.

Chief of Police Mike Rath did not have anything to report on but asked if the Council would like him to do a monthly written report. The Council said they would appreciate it.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue, to table items D, E & F until other members of the EMS can be present.

Motion carried 4-0. This will be on the next agenda.

Max Manuilov reported on the historic tax levy information for the City of Wymore, comparing it to other cities of all different classes, and cities of the second class in Gage County and the State of Nebraska for the past 6 years, since 2020. He also compared local valuations to others in the County and State. Andy Carothers contributed some of the reason for the recent higher valuations were due to a shortage of good affordable housing in the area.

City Clerk Janet Riensche reported to the Council that NPPD will be phasing out their website support by the end of 2027, which will force us to find a new company to host our website.

Motion by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk