

City Council Meeting Sept. 21, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on Wed. Sept. 21, 2022, in council chambers. Mayor Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were councilpersons Curt Oblinger, Neil Van Boening, and Sue Sapp. Councilperson Max Allen and City Attorney Andy Carothers were not in attendance. Notice of the meeting was given by posting in three places: Wymore Post Office, Arbor State Pharmacy, and the City Office. Notice was given to the Mayor and Council and their acknowledgement is attached. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Motion by Curt, second by Neil to approve the minutes of the September 7th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Neil to approve the minutes from the budget hearing on September 7th, 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve claims/payroll. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Public Comment: Mark spoke on behalf of the police department. They want to spend some time focusing on ordinance violations in town. Mark suggested as a city we do what we can to get the word out, possibly sharing ordinances via website, social media, and newspaper.

Andy was not in attendance therefore no discussion or motion on the procurement policy. Motion by Neil, second by Sue to postpone topic until the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Currently only one fuel contract bid to consider, topic will be postponed until next meeting, in hopes there will be two bids to consider. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to postpone discussion on the fuel contract until the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

No updates on the old bucket truck. Departments are still compiling surplus list for Andy. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to table surplus equipment discussion/action until next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Hofeling Enterprises LLC has spoken with Mark and Tim and given a bid for chipping the brush pile. The cost of the project will be approximately \$80,000. Tim has spoken with another person about the job but is unsure how interested he is or how soon he would be able to start. Sue asks if there will be any assistance from NEMA to help cover the cost. After the city pays its initial threshold of costs, NEMA will reimburse up to 50% of the costs. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to add brush pile discussion to next agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Neil, second by Sue to cancel USABLE life insurance. Motion carried 3-0.

Mark Meints requested council to approve Bryce Kotinek for membership on the fire department. Bryce has been a cadet for the department for a couple of years and is now applying for full membership. Fire department members voted unanimously to approve him. Motion by Sue, second by Curt to approve Bryce Kotinek as a member of the Wymore Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried 3-0.

At a recent accident scene, the fire department's extrication tools broke. The tools were over 30 years old and the repair pieces needed are no longer made. The rural fire board has agreed to cover half of the cost of a new pair and the fire department has available funds to purchase the new equipment.

Council members were provided a printout of proposed salaries for the Utility Department and Office Staff for the upcoming fiscal year. Council members confirmed that the budget would cover proposed increase. Mayor and Council were in agreement on new salaries. Motion by Sue, second by Neil, to approve employee salaries for the Utility Department and Office Staff, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Milton Pike, Mayor

Melissa Wach, Deputy City Clerk