

City Council Meeting September 3, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on September 3, 2025, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Collin Meints called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Council persons Max Allen, Sue Sapp, Curt Oblinger, and Neil Van Boening. City Attorney Andy 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 Max, 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 check numbers 30251, 30256, 30263, & 30305. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sue, seconded by Curt to approve check numbers 30251 & 30305. Motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check number 30256. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve check number 30263. Motion carried 3-0 with Curt abstaining.

Dilapidated Buildings: Attorney Andy Carothers asked if Tiemann Construction had started removing the rubble from the old Gambles Building at 207 S 7th St. Tim Sedlacek Utilities Superintendent reported they have gotten a few loads taken away and are progressing well. Andy reported he has sent out letters of request for permission to enter and inspect three residential properties. They have until Friday to respond before we move to the next step. The properties around the old Gambles Building were discussed and will be followed up on. We will need to apply for another grant to be able to take them down. Rosalee Reedy was in attendance and asked if these properties are then owned by the City of Wymore. Andy stated we try to get the owner to sign a quit claim deed, but some want to keep the property. That is when we need to go through the steps of condemning the property to qualify for the grant. There was more discussion about the possibility of getting another grant to remove more dilapidated buildings down town. Andy also stated he has not received the quit claim deed back from Harry Lovell. He will be contacting him again.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Business:

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 686 a Special Use Permit for 206 W M St. Attorney Carothers explained this location already had a Special Use Permit in another name, but the daycare had changed hand and needed to have a new permit in their name. Two Generations Day Care will be operated by Kelsey Forney and Braydee Frase. Both Kelsey and Braydee were in attendance to answer any question. They do not plan to make any changes at this time. Council Person Neil VanBoening stated the daycare has a good report with the neighbors. Hearing no other relevant comments a Motion was made by Sue, seconded by Max to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to suspend the required 3 readings of Ordinance 686. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve Ordinance 686 An ordinance pertaining to a Special Use Permit for a child care center at 206 W M St. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to open the Public Hearing for the 1&6 Year Plan. Motion carried 4-0. Utility Superintendent Tim Sedlacek explained that the plan is set to maintenance for the next couple of years. Mayer Meints explained there are a water main replacement project and an electrical project coming up. Hearing no other comments, a motion was made by Max, seconded by Curt to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Max, seconded by Sue to approve the 1&6 Year Plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Carsten Mlady from Nebraska Public Power District was in attendance to go over the new contract between NPPD and their customers. He went through the parts of the contract that were changed from the old contract and the reason for the new longer contract. They are experiencing increasing load demand and needing to build new generation facilities. He stated if the contract is signed by October 31 there are incentives. They need to get commitments from their wholesale customers to get the bonding and rates they need to move ahead with the project. Attorney Carothers stated he is in the process of reviewing the new contract and would like it put on the agenda for the first meeting in October.

Police Department Update: Neil VanBoening reported that he needs to have a meeting but has made no new progress.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve City Treasurer Krystal Rutti register for the League of Nebraska Municipalities Annual Conference, recordings only. Septmeber 24-26th 2025. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2025-2026 tax levy request was put back on the agenda due to concerns from the accountant. After discussion the council decided to remain with their original motion passed on August 20th to keep the dollar amount of the request the same as last year.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Max to approve the amendment to the Community Development Block Grant 23-PWI-012. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Max, seconded by Neil to approve Mayor Meints to sign the Letter of Amendment for the CDBG 23-PWI-012. Motion carried 4-0.

There was discussion concerning the Ground Emergency Medical Transport Act-Nebraska Government GEMT/Ambulance Provider Program. Attorney Carothers would like time to review the program.

Motion to adjourn by Sue at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk