

City Council Meeting September 7, 2022

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on September 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers. Mayor Milton Pike called the meeting to order at 7:05 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. 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.

Curt made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17th meeting. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Curt made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 29th Special Meeting. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Max made a motion to approve Claims and Payroll except checks 25789, 25858 & 25809. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Sue made a motion to approve checks 25789 & 25858. Neil seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 with Max abstaining.

Sue made a motion to approve check 25809. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with Neil abstaining.

Public Comment: Jorden passed out a report on what the PD has been working on.

Dilapidated Properties: Andy is waiting to hear from the Thomas Foundation on the grant the city applied for to demolish 4 properties.

Business:

Sue made a motion to approve resolution # 2022-6 to set the property tax request for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Curt seconded the motion. Andy read the resolution. "Resolution setting the property tax request. Resolution No 2022-6. Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Wymore passes by a majority vote a resolution 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 of the City of Wymore resolves that: 1. The 2022-2023 property tax request be set at: General Fund: 100,000.12, Street Fund: 67,000.00 and Bond Fund: 155,000.00. 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 11.01 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 0.0830725 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 0.855629 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 -14.06 percent. 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2022. The motion carried 4-0.

Max made a motion to accept the 2022-23 Budget. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Melissa Kujath was present to address missing things off her mother's grave. She has tried to contact the Cemetery Board without success. Mike will speak to Lawrence Mallam.

Max made a motion to open the public hearing on Shirley Mae's Tavern's Liquor License. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Adam Cook and Jessica Rutt were on hand to answer any questions.

There was a question regarding the incorrect address on the application which has been addressed with the Nebraska State Liquor Commission. Melissa Wach asked about an opening date. Adam stated they

hope to be open in the next couple of months. Hearing no other comments from the public Max made a motion to close the public hearing. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Max made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application for Shirley Mae's Tavern. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The electrical services for Cotton Wood @ The Springs was discussed. Andy laid out the steps that needed to be taken to transfer the authority to Norris Public Power. These include approval from the Power Review Board and resolutions passed by both Wymore and Blue Springs. Tim asked about right of way and Andy said we can do a right of way agreement.

Dorothy Parish was in attendance to address the issue of a nuisance violation complaint at the corner of 13th and H St. They had filed two complaints and seen no results. After much discussion Andy said he will meet with Jorden and Geoff and get started on the properties.

Betty Johnson was in attendance to address weed violations. After much discussion Andy stated he would get with Jorden, Geoff, and Tim to come up with a plan.

Employee insurance was discussed. Tim Sedlacek and Melissa Wach were in attendance and presented a spread sheet outlining the different cost between the current plan and the proposed LIGHT program through the League of Nebraska Municipalities. Sue made a motion to approve paying up to the employee spouse rate for health care with all other costs being deducted from the employee's payroll, and the city will no longer reimburse employees half of their deductible. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Max made a motion to move the ARPA funds to a CD. Curt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Max made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 1&6 Year Plan. Tim presented the plans drawn up by Gilmore and Associates. After some discussion Max made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Max made a motion to approve the 1&6 Year Plan presented by Gilmore. Neil seconded the plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Max made a motion to appoint City Attorney Andrew Carothers as our representative at the Joint Public Budget Hearing required by LB644. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek requested the Sapp Brothers contract to be table for further information. Max made a motion to table the Sapp Brothers Fuel Contract. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Sedlacek gave a report on the old bucket truck. Tim also addressed surplus equipment. The department heads will get a list of possible items to go on a Purple Wave auction together and get them to Andy for a possible resolution.

Mark Meints requested permission for the Fire Department to send 4 members to the NSVFA Annual Conference in Norfolk October 20-23. He stated there is a grant available this year to cover some of the expenses for the conference. Mark also stated that Gordon Michaelis will receive his plaque for 50 years of service at the conference. Max made a motion to approve 4 members for the Fire Department to go to NSVFA Annual Conference in Norfolk October 20-23 and pay 1 night hotel and 3 meals and any other expenses not covered by the grant. Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark also presented the board with the resignation of Clifford Dahlkoetter. Max made the motion to accept the resignation of Clifford Dahlkoetter in good standing. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim gave an update on the storm damage and NEMA. NEMA will cover 50% of the coverable cost of the cleanup. The burn pile was also discussed. No action was taken by the Council.

Tim also reported there is no signed contract on the Downtown Street Light Project yet, however he

received an email that Bob Tiemann does have the contract. He will call Bob.
Max made a motion to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Milton Pike, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk