

Wymore City Council Special Budget Meeting July 30, 2025

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on July 30, 2025, in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Collin Meints. Present were Councilpersons Sue Sapp, Neil VanBoening, Curt Oblinger, and Max Allen. 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 also posted in the Fairbury Journal News. Notice was given to the Mayor and Council and their acknowledgement of receipt is attached. All other proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Others Present were Department Heads, Tim Sedlacek, Mark Meints, and Austin Jackson, Cemetery Board Members, Pam Gerdes, Lawrence Mallam, and Joellyn Wittmus. John Winter from Lengemann and Associates was also present to answer any questions about budgeting.

John answered several questions about how to handle special funds such as MFO and MMA's or special accounts. He stated that Capital Acquisition Accounts can help with our budget and explained that our cash reserves must be less than 50% of our budgeted expenditures. John also asked the Council to consider what they want to do with the tax levy this year. John also left an explanation of some changes to the state budget requirements and the City's prior and current valuation. He explained there will most likely be a different amount on the final valuation. After answering questions John stated they are welcome to call him with any more questions. The Council thanked him for making the trip down.

The Council went through each departmental budget request.

Cemetery: There were some changes to the line items on the Cemetery Budget now that they are bringing their invoices to the office to be paid. There was discussion about the Cemetery Funds and accounts. This will be put on the next agenda. When asked if they had any major projects planned they stated the new Directory is being finished and they are installing new fence. They are hopeful to get a grant to help with the expense. It was noted that due to the estimated expense of the fence that will need to go out for bids. They will need to obtain at least three. The Council accepted the Cemetery Budget.

Library: There was a typo on line item 5822. It should read \$4200.00 instead of \$2200.00. Janet will get that corrected. The Council accepted the Library Budget. When asked about projects Austin stated he would like to update the basement in order to use it for programs. He is hoping to do that through grants.

Police: The Police Department Budget was accepted by the Council.

EMS: The Council accepted both the EMS and EMS Special Budgets.

Fire: The Council accepted the Fire Department Budget, but it was decided to do away with the Fire B&E Budget and incorporate it into the regular Fire Department Budget.

Pool: After some discussion about pool employee wages, the Council decided to raise the salaries line item and the FICA line item to accommodate future raises. The Pool Special budget was accepted.

Community Center: The Community Center Budget was accepted with an increase to the salaries line item.

Parks: The Park Department Budget was accepted after raising the improvements line item to do some improvements to the McCandles Park ball field.

Street Lighting: The Street Lighting budget was approved.

Street Fund: The Street Fund Budget was accepted after a raise to the salary line item.

Water Fund: The Water Fund Budget was accepted by Council.

Sewer Fund: The Sewer Fund Budget was accepted after a raise to the salary line item.

Light Fund: The Light Fund Budget was accepted.

General: The General Budget was accepted.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Collin Meints, Mayor

Janet Riensche, City Clerk