

Wymore City Council Regular Meeting October 17, 2018

The Wymore City Council met in open and public session on October 17, 2018. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pike. Present were Councilpersons Sue Sapp, Keith Ottersberg, Curt Oblinger and Max Allen and Mayor Pike. City Attorney Andy Carothers was also present.

Motion by Curt, second by Keith, to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2018 meeting. Carried 4-0

Motion by Curt, second by Sue, to approve claims and payroll. Carried 4-0

Public Comment: Randy Cole informed the Mayor and Council that the City's equipment is unable to install the pole at the library as was previously decided upon. The pole that's needed is too tall for the City to be able to safely install. Randy has talked with Janet at the library. Mark Meints thanked the fire department and the city employees for their help with the extra traffic in Wymore due to a funeral.

Angela Meyer attended the meeting to let the Mayor and Council know the School still has the Joint Public Agency contract and are still looking it over. She will bring the contract back to the Council and Mayor once she receives it from the School.

Carla Jones, Chief Lang and some of the dispatchers from Beatrice Communications were at the meeting to discuss a few concerns the Police, Fire and EMS departments had with the communications center. Chief Lang said that the fire call that was in question had been handled. Russ Jobman was the dispatcher for that call and apologized for not sending out the fire department. The City accepted his apology. Ms. Jones asked commented the letter they had received said it was also EMS and Police as well. Amy Mason said that she had put that on the agenda as there were also concerns with the non-emergency phones not working and that the departments were not aware that there were issues. Chief Lang said that the communications center had been hacked and that affected the computers and the phone system. The 911 emergency numbers were able to be used but not the non-emergency numbers. Chief Lang said that when they were made aware of the situation they tried to get it rectified. There were also times they thought they had the phones back up and didn't know they weren't until someone called them. They apologized for the inconvenience.

Mayor Pike presented Jim Decker's name for the Planning and Zoning board. Motion by Max, second by Keith, to approve Jim. Carried 4-0

Mayor Pike presented Angela Meyer's name for the Park Board. Motion by Keith, second by Curt, to approve Angela. Carried 4-0

Randy Cole has contacted various contractors to give the City an estimate for a handicap ramp downtown.

After much discussion it was decided to leave the ordinance pertaining to fowl as is.

Mark Meints presented Joe McCormick to the Mayor and Council for consideration for the police officer position. Motion by Keith, second by Sue, to hire Joe with a starting salary of \$36,000.00. Joe will start work on October 29th and will go to the academy in January and will graduate in April. Once the academy is completed Joe's salary will then be changed to \$38,000.00 and he will receive the same pay raises the City employees receive.

Brian Polson asked if the City would consider making a donation to the annual treasure hunt again this year. For the past several years the City has given ten \$10.00 gifts. Motion by Max, second by Keith, to approve this donation. Carried 4-0

Tim Reinke presented Brian Polson's resignation from the EMS board but not from EMS itself. Motion by Keith, second by Max, to accept Brian's resignation from the EMS board only. Carried 4-0

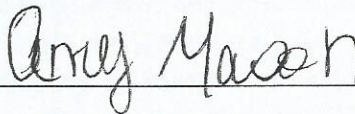
Jim Decker informed the Mayor and Council that truck #32 is having trouble with valves leaking and a few small water leaks. Jim would like to take it in and have all the valves that haven't been already changed out replaced and the leaks fixed. Jim thinks this will cost somewhere between \$3000.00-\$3500.00. The rural board has already approved of them paying for half of the cost. Motion by Max, second by Keith, to get the truck fixed. Carried 4-0

Amy informed the Mayor and Council that postage may possibly go up 5 cents in January and she and Carol use a minimum of 200 stamps a month. Amy and Carol will be purchasing stamps ahead of the rate increase and those would be kept locked in the vault. This was for the Mayor and Council's information only.

Motion by Max, second by Keith, to go into executive session at 7:45 for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Carried 4-0. They came out of executive session at 7:57.

Motion by Sue to adjourn at 7:58.

Approved, Mayor Milton Pike



Amy Mason, Treasurer