

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2022

Mayor Vipperman called the Regular Meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 7:00 PM. Council members present **BJ Marshall, Shaun Spencer, John Gnesa and Juan Gonzales**. **City Attorney Tim Stover** was not present.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the September 1, 2022, regular council meeting minutes as presented. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Councilman Gnesa made a motion to approve the September 6, 2022, special council meeting minutes as presented. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the September 15, 2022, regular council meeting minutes as amended. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$25,156.81. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye,**

Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Gnesa- Aye; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Courtney Frost from Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health, Inc. -

Grant update

Courtney Frost presented information about the pilot program grant Wendell was awarded. The \$85,000 grant will be used for a new city park in the Ambrose subdivision with the goal of bringing the community together and to promote community health. Currently the City of Wendell is about halfway through the pilot program steps, but the Foundation will continue to stay in touch after the park is completed. Courtney stated that it has been fulfilling working alongside our Mayor and Councilman Spencer as they learn how to navigate through this new program. No Motion needed.

Consideration of Estimate for New Camera at the City Park

Due to the recent act of vandalism on the band shell at the city park, it was discussed if an additional camera should be added facing toward the Bandshell. **Councilman Spencer** was concerned that adding an additional camera may be too many cameras. **Councilman Gnesa** and **Councilwoman Marshall** proposed getting a quote from Pinnacle to relocate one of the existing cameras instead. No motion needed.

Consideration of 22-23 Building Inspector Agreement

Counsel agreed to table this until City attorney Tim Stover was present to review it. No motion needed.

Consideration of Annual Cyber Security Agreement

Councilwoman Marshall sent a copy of the lengthy IdaComp agreement to Tim Stover for him to review, but she brought up concerns regarding cost. The yearly agreement would cost over \$28,000 for the year and is higher than budgeted for. **Councilwoman Marshall** stated that the amount of security and associated costs were excessive for the size of

the city and threat level. She would like to get quotes from other Cyber security companies. No motion needed.

Approval to purchase additional Wet Well Wizards- Sewer

Chief Bailey discussed the benefits of adding Wet Well Wizards to the lift stations. It would eliminate the current need for pumping and acid additives so that fat, grease, and oil doesn't build up, thus, allowing the lift stations to operate

better, potentially reducing the need for replacement parts and repairs. Chief Bailey would like to get a total of three to be used at the Ambrose, 5th St/Boise, and Lewiston lift stations. Due to the high cost of each Wet Well Wizard, Chief Bailey recommended purchasing at least one that can be rotated to each lift station until more can be purchased. **Councilman Spencer** made a motion to purchase one Wet Well Wizard, not to exceed \$10,000. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Special Event Application - Trunk or treat

Councilman Spencer conversed about a Trunk or Treat event he would like to take place on October 31, 2022. East Main Street by City Park would be closed to allow for food vendors, a petting zoo, and citizens who would like to distribute candy. **Councilman Spencer** stated that he would like for this to be a city event as it is located on East Main St. and involves local business, churches, and the American Legion; it would then be covered under city insurance. **Councilwoman Marshall** stated could the Clerk or Mayor could talk to Balanced Rock Insurance and/or ICRMP regarding costs to cover the Insurance for this event. **Councilman Gnesa** made a motion to pass the Special Event application contingent on insurance coverage. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (action items)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Council

Councilwoman Marshall asked if any of the Council would be attending the Association of Idaho Cities (A.LC) training in Burley on Friday 10/14/2022.

Councilman Spencer is teaching a class Monday night and can't be the library liaison, **Councilman Gonzales** volunteered to take it over. **Mayor Vipperman** tabled this for now as a member may need to be appointed.

Councilman Spencer asked about painting the crosswalk on East Main Street by the High School.

Councilman Spencer stated that he hopes to have more information and a redesign of the Flag Plaza to bring to the Council soon. These changes would be made with the existing beautification funding and budget.

Councilman Gonzales asked about having the street-crossing flag trees on East Main Street straightened as they are leaning at an angle.

Councilman Gnesa asked Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis about the trailer on 7th and Bliss. Nathan stated that a notice has been sent; the residents then will have 10 days to fix the issue.

Mayor

Mayor Vipperman and **Councilman Spencer** are attending a Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health Community Event in Boise Wednesday 10/12/2022. She hopes to present Council drawings for the new park in a couple of weeks. Two companies will be presenting multiple plans to choose from.

Mayor Vipperman reported that the request for ARPA grant funds has been submitted to Gooding County. The \$87,600 in grant funds will be used to add a basketball court in City Park.

Mayor Vipperman stated that Public Works has been busy with winter prep; currently drilling injection wells, painting road markings, and trimming trees. The power poles have been removed at Jim Prince field; they will be used at McGinnis Park to line areas around the ball fields; Public Works will be assisting the Wendell Recreation District with this.

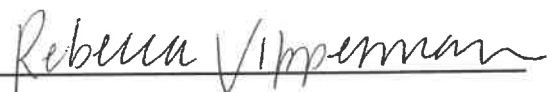
Mayor Vipperman wished City Clerk/Treasurer Karri French a Happy Birthday and would like to thank all the city staff for doing a great job.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 8:39 PM. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.



Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer



Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor