

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Council President BJ Marshall and Councilman Shaun Spencer; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman John Gnesa. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Gnesa made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022, regular council meeting minutes as presented. **Councilman Spencer** 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 December 15, 2022, regular council meeting minutes as presented. **Councilman Spencer** 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 January 5, 2023, regular council meeting minutes as presented. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilman Gnesa made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$36,074.11. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

(Public Works/Clerk-Treasurer/Fire/Police/Library/Ordinance)

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Water Extension Project to South Side of the Freeway-Valley Wide Cooperative

Tracy Ahrens of J. U. B., representing the Valley Wide Cooperative, and Joe Carson of Valley Wide Cooperative were both present to answer questions the council had about a proposed project. All parties agree that having adequate time to complete this project to coincide with Valley Wide Cooperative's planned opening of the new store is the primary issue. Joe Carson stated that Valley Wide has additional options they can utilize until they are able to tie into the city water/sewer system when it becomes available. No motion needed.

Consideration of Changing City Council Meeting Time (Ordinance)

The council agrees that changing the time to 6:30 is in the best interest of all. The Ordinance will need to be changed and brought back before council. No motion needed.

Consideration of 2023 Pro Lawn Care Estimate- City Hall

The council requested the Clerk's office acquire at least 2 more estimates from other providers. Tabled. No motion needed.

Consideration of 2023 Pro Lawn Care Estimate- City Park

The council requested the Clerk's office acquire at least 2 more estimates from other providers. Tabled. No motion needed.

Consideration of Purchasing a Bucket Truck- Public Works

Fire Chief Bob Bailey and Public Works Director Stephen Devereaux asked Council's permission to purchase a 1999 International Bucket Truck with auger from the State of Idaho Federal Surplus. It will save the city money on rentals for jobs like tree trimming, decorating for holidays, and any other job that would require work to be done over 10 feet above the ground. The money for a vehicle purchase is in the budget. After discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to purchase the 1999 International Bucket Truck not to exceed \$20,000, contingent on inspection by Bob and

Steve. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Annual Contract with Digline

After a brief discussion, **Councilman Gnesa** made a motion to approve the annual contract with Digline. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Resolution 200-2023- Surplus Property

Public Works Director Stephen Devereaux presented to council requesting to surplus the 2007 Nissan Mini Truck with AC. It is very small and is unable to assist Public Works in getting anything done, especially in winter. After a brief discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to accept Resolution 200-2023 as presented. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Nay**; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL

Councilman Gnesa stated that the council should look into making the Ditch Rider a city position in the next budget. Our previous ditch rider is not returning for the 2023 season. **Councilwoman Marshall** stated that the position would need to be split between 2-3 people to avoid overtime and save the city money. She agreed it is a subject to look into for the next budget.

MAYOR

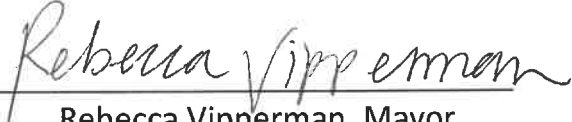
Mayor Vipperman stated that the next council meeting on February 2, 2023 will have 3 public hearings in addition to the regular meeting items. She

stated that the Clerk's Office has all the information. She also stated that a University of Idaho Extension Community Health Project, regarding mental health, will be held at Living Waters Presbyterian Church on January 30, 2023 at 7 PM and dinner will be provided to all attendees.

Adjourn

Councilman ^{Gonzales} ~~Gnessa~~ made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 8:35 PM. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor