

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2023

Councilwoman Marshall 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. Mayor Vipperman gave the Clerk's Office and the Council advance notice that she would be unable to attend or late to attend the meeting. She arrived at 7:40.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Gnesa made a motion to approve the April 6, 2023, regular 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.

BILLS

Councilman Gnesa made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$32,139.69. **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)

Children's Garden-Senior Project

This was a discussion item. Councilman Spencer drew a rough draft plan

as an idea of what could possibly be done with the aging basketball court to repurpose or improve the area. He stated that he felt this would make a great senior project. Councilman Spencer asked the council if they think he should pursue finding a senior at the high school in need of a project idea. The consensus was positive.

Basketball Court Donations & Memorials

Councilman Spencer updated the council on the basketball court at City Park. The donated basketball posts have been fabricated and powder coated. Rims and backboards have also been donated. The idea of putting “donated by” or have a memorial plaque on the backboards was discussed. It was decided that “donated by” would be a better idea and the council would need to preview before approving any additions to the backboards.

Flag Plaza Landscaping Quotes

Councilman Spencer updated the council on the Flag Plaza. He has received two bids for the landscaping at the Flag Plaza site so far and is still seeking a third bid. The two bids were discussed, as well as ideas on how to save money on the city’s portion of this joint project. Councilman Spencer will bring this back to council when he has the third bid. Tabled.

Update on Dairy Days Meeting- Councilman Gnesa

This was a discussion item. Councilman Gnesa attended a meeting on Saturday, April 15th to discuss Dairy Days with other organizations and citizens of Wendell. Several options were discussed. In the end, it was decided that Wendell will not have a Dairy Days event and will focus on having a parade that will tie in with the 4th of July festivities to be held on July 1, 2023.

Spring AIC Training Update

This was a discussion item. Councilwoman Marshall and the Clerk went to the Spring AIC District Workshop in Burley on 4/13/23. The training was an all-day event and covered a variety of subjects including budgeting, mental health in the workplace and updates on 2022-2023 Idaho legislation. This also highlighted the fact that Wendell needs a Planning & Zoning

Committee. The P & Z committee needs to have 5 members, it is voluntary and very important to our community.

Wendell Ordinance-Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter

Wendell Ordinances need updating. Tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall stated that the April 10th at 6:30 PM University of Idaho Community Mental Health event had low attendance. It is important to our community, and it would be great to see more people involved.

Councilman Spencer stated that it would be great if the Gooding County Sheriff's Department would move the radar speed sign to the beginning of the City park to help with driver awareness. He also stated that it would be great if the dumpster by the basketball court could be moved.

Councilman Gnesa asked Mayor Vipperman the status of the crosswalk flags. She stated that they were put away for the winter and would be back out and available for use this week.

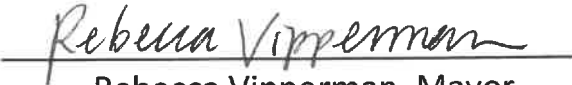
MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman stated that there would be a Special City Council meeting on Monday, April 24. J. U. B. would be presenting Wendell's Water Master Plan. The meeting could last 2 hours. She announced that city staff will be attending a training course soon to learn how to use Narcan in the event of an opioid emergency, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new park soon and on May 11 at noon the Wendell Elementary kindergarteners will be visiting City Hall.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 8:25 PM. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion.

Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer