

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2023

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:30 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

The minutes from May 18, 2023 will be brought back to council at the next meeting. No motion needed.

BILLS

Councilman Gnesa made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$14,151.99. **Councilman Spencer** 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)

Consideration of Annual J-U-B Engineers Reuse Agreement

This is an annual contract. There were no noticeable changes compared to last fiscal year and it has been reviewed by City Attorney Tim Stover. **Councilman Spencer** made a motion to approve the J-U-B Engineers Reuse Agreement, effective 6/1/2023, in the amount of \$9950.00. **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 ARPA Grant Funds- N Gooding St Sidewalk

The City of Wendell was awarded a (reimbursement) grant from Gooding County. The grant was awarded under the Interim Ruling subcategory of Public Health. Mayor Vipperman brought the estimate for the

N Gooding St sidewalk approved in the grant for council approval. **Councilman Spencer** made a motion to accept the quote from Agundez Construction Inc. for the N Gooding St sidewalk in the amount of \$13,200.00. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of ARPA Grant Funds- Hub City Park Walking Path

This is another item in the grant awarded to the city by Gooding County. Mayor Vipperman brought the estimate for the Hub City Park walking path in the grant for council approval. **Councilman Spencer** made a motion to accept the quote from Suttons Concrete for the in the amount of \$30,000.00. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Chip Seal Quotes

Public Works Director Stephen Devereaux presented to the council 2 (two) quotes and evidenced multiple attempts to obtain a third quote. Many of the roads in Wendell need repair but the old plan did not adequately address the city's needs. Under the new plan, all roads inside Wendell city limits will receive regular maintenance in a 5-year rotation. After discussion, **Councilman Gnesa** made a motion to accept the quote from Winn & Company in the amount of \$181,850.00 that will seal coat approximately 4 miles of city streets. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Building Inspector Contract FY23-24

Tabled.

Consideration of Water Master Plan Options

Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Ponce from El Tapatio was present to talk about the possibility of building a drive-thru coffee/ice cream shop that should not interfere with roads/alleyways. She would like to bring this before the council for a decision if needed because of nearby roads/alleyways. Mayor Vipperman stated that we would look into it and get this on the agenda if needed.

COUNCIL

Councilman Spencer stated that the goals for the basketball court have been shipped. He also stated that this Friday night there would be Buttons & Bows Square Dancers at the City Park. Next Friday will be a folk band called Cutout Moon. He stated that the film crew was here for the groundbreaking on 5/26/23 and the President of the Blue Cross Foundation for Health will be here on Monday (6/5/23) for a meeting. He also stated that landscaping for the new Flag Plaza should start on June 12th.

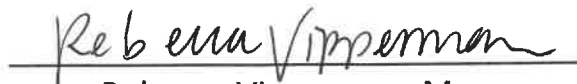
Councilwoman Marshall stated that the Mental Health Suicide Awareness refrigerator magnets have been ordered.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman stated that Blue Cross Foundation for Health hired West by West film crew to interview her, film while Public Works set up for the groundbreaking, and other filming was done. She stated that it turned out great. She stated that she appreciates the city staff and that they are all doing a great job. She also stated that the first Budget Workshop for the FY 23-24 budget would be on June 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM here at City Hall.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:16 PM. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer

