

City of Wendell
Special Council Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2023

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the special meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:33 PM. Council members present were Council President BJ Marshall and Councilman Shaun Spencer; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman John Gnesa.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Truck Route

The truck route ordinance continues to be an issue of conflict in the City of Wendell. It was brought before Council as a discussion item to decide how to proceed regarding that ordinance. Councilwoman B.J. Marshall stated that she believes that we need to hold a public hearing to hear all sides of the issue. She stated that we need to be sure to advertise it widely to reach everyone affected. Councilman Juan Gonzales agreed. Councilman Shaun Spencer discussed potentially reaching a compromise with the town's truck drivers which might include allowing them the use of East Main Street but to provide for pedestrian safety the use of time restrictions, jake brake ordinances, 3 new crosswalks including rapid flashing beacons, and some speed bumps. He mentioned that we also needed to discuss a larger plan with the school district which would include re-routing the buses down 1st street and striping a turn lane in front of the school. Councilwoman Marshall was concerned that speed bumps on Main Street would cause problems with snow removal. Councilman Gnesa affirmed his belief that we shouldn't allow any through trucks to use the street. The council ultimately decided to schedule the public hearing for the first available date and to advertise the hearing widely to hear all sides. Mayor Vipperman will check on the cost of rapid flashing beacons and the feasibility of speed bumps.

Consideration of Clerk attending AIC Conference June 21-23

It was brought before Council for Karri French, the City Clerk, to travel to attend the AIC Conference June 21st-23rd, 2023 in Boise, Idaho. The AIC training is very educational, and the City of Wendell will be receiving an award at the AIC

banquet for their clean-up week.

Councilman Gnesa requested that the minutes from each meeting be completed and sent out the day after the meeting to Council. Mayor Vipperman and Councilwoman Marshall informed him that that would be difficult for our Clerk to accomplish as Fridays are busy with bills and sometimes payroll. Councilwoman Marshall said that receiving the minutes on the following Monday or Tuesday would be sufficient.

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to approve the request for Karri French to attend the conference. Councilman Gnesa seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Nay and Councilman Gnesa- Aye;** motion passed.

Budget Workshop

The council discussed the upcoming budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. There were many questions regarding current staff salaries and current health insurance premiums. Mayor Vipperman presented a list of current city needs. Library Board Member, Deb Coates discussed the library's budget. The council decided to end the meeting until further information can be obtained with a focus on the next budget meeting to be streets, vehicle upgrades, health insurance, and employee benefits. The next budget meeting was scheduled for June 29, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 8:03 PM. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion.



Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor



Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer