

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 6, 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; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman John Gnesa. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present. Councilman Spencer gave the Clerk's Office and the Council advance notice that he would be unable to attend tonight's meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NONE

BILLS

Councilman Gnesa made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$70,993.13. Councilman Gonzales seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Gnesa- Aye; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

J-U-B – Tracy Ahrens- Master Water Plan Revisited

Tracy Ahrens was here in April to discuss the Master Water Plan with the council. At that time, the council had asked for additional information and time to look over the project and its options. The project is necessary, but the cost analysis and options are expensive. Funding possibilities through loans and grants were addressed but no funding decisions were made at this time. The next step is to have DEQ review the Water Master Plan and its options. **Councilman Gnesa made a motion for J-U-B to take the Water Master Plan options for to DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) for review. Councilman Gonzales seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Gnesa- Aye; motion passed.**

Hub City Park Update

Mayor Vipperman updated the council on the progress made by Public Works on Hub City Park. Wendell has received many donations including boulders from Idaho Power Company, sand diggers from Head Start, logs from citizens, and much more. Items that still need to be purchased include the fence around the back of the park, trees, the climbing wall, a slide, wood chips, sod, a shade structure, and the sheep heads, made by Rocky Mountain Welding, which will be attached to the boulders. No motion needed.

Consideration of Trees for Hub City Park

Mayor Vipperman presented the council with two quotes for trees provided by Olivia Landscaping for Hub City Park location. The landscaping company will be able to work with either of the plant nurseries. After discussion, Councilman Gnesa made a motion to accept the bid from Tree Source for trees at the Hub City Park not to exceed \$4269.24. Councilman Gonzales seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Gonzales-Aye and Councilman Gnesa-Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Fencing for Hub City Park

Mayor Vipperman presented the council with two quotes provided by Olivia Landscaping for fencing around the back of Hub City Park. Behind the park location is a grassy swell and irrigation water runs through a culvert under the railroad tracks. There is no standing water, but because the culvert is there, the park requires a minimum 3-rail fence. After discussion **Councilman Gnesa** made a motion to accept the quote from Butte Fence for a 3-rail wood fence not to exceed \$6684.60. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Gonzales-Aye and Councilman Gnesa-Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Hub City Park Playground Equipment

Mayor Vipperman presented the council with a list of playground equipment provided by Olivia Landscaping for Hub City Park. Some of the items on the list include slides, a climbing wall, a tree reading bench, and a spiderweb climbing net. She asked to order some of the playground equipment right away because the lead time is 4-6 weeks. After discussion,

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the purchase of playground equipment for Hub City Park not to exceed \$17246.91.

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

Consideration of Ordinance 553-2023- Addition of Landscape Regulations

Tabled pending a public hearing.

Consideration of Adding 1 Additional Caselle Access License

The City Clerk presented to the council a request to purchase an additional license from Caselle. The additional license will allow all employees in the Clerk's Office to access Caselle as needed. Currently we have four licenses, and we find ourselves needing an additional access point so that everyone can do their job. There is a one-time \$2000.00 set-up fee, and this will add \$50.00/ month to the city's Caselle bill. The Administrative assistant is out on maternity leave so it would not be purchased until October.

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to purchase one additional Caselle license in the Clerk's Office. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Gnesa- Aye;** motion passed.

Consideration of Special Event Application- Video Centro 30th Anniversary

Video Centro and El Tapatio are celebrating together. Video Centro is celebrating 30 years in business and El Tapatio is celebrating 25 years in business. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th from 5 PM to 9 PM. There will be food and live music. After discussion **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to approve the Special Event Application for Video Centro's 30th anniversary contingent on Video Centre providing the correct liability insurance. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Gnesa- Aye;** motion passed.

Wendell Awarded the Garret Nancolas Award

Mayor Vipperman announced that the City of Wendell was awarded the

Garret Nancolas City Achievement Award by the Association of Idaho Cities for Wendell's 2023 Community Spring Clean Up. She read the press release printed in the Times News. No motion needed.

Consideration of CenturyLink Proposal

Tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Scott was present and stated that everything on the 1st and 4th of July looked amazing.

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall stated that she has sent updated budget information including payroll information to the Clerk and will update the Clerk with other expenses. She also announced that the next Budget Workshop will be on July 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Gnesa asked Public Works Director Stephen Devereaux about current inventory at Public Works. Steve stated that inventory was in progress and an identification process is being established using serial numbers.

Councilman Gonzales stated that he is impressed with the grounds at the Public Works yard. He stated that the yard appears clean and organized and that there is a lot more open space now.

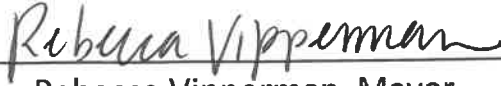
MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman thanked Simerly's, the American Legion, and Sandra Gonzales for the events and the parade on July 1st and the Community Breakfast on July 4th. After that she showed everyone a recent tourism video made to highlight Wendell.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the

Wendell City Council at 7:40 PM. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer

