

City of Wendell
Emergency Special Council Meeting
Minutes
August 25, 2023

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the Emergency Special meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 10:32 AM. Council members present were Councilman Shaun Spencer. Councilwoman Marshall; Councilman Juan Gonzales; and Councilman John Gnesa were present by phone.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NONE

BILLS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Emergency Repair of the Lewiston Lift Station

Mayor Vipperman called an Emergency Special meeting of the City Council to prevent possible sewage backup into Wendell's homes and businesses. Public Works Director Steve Devereaux was present to inform the council of what had happened the night before (8/24/23). Stacy, a public works employee, was out doing his site checks around town when he discovered that the Lewiston Lift Station was not operational. The wastewater vault was nearly full as well. After contacting Public Works Director Steve Devereaux and upon further inspection by both Stacy and Steve, two system failures were identified. Peak Water Services was contacted, and they quickly sent a technician out to try to fix the lift station. The technician was able to provide a manual solution, but it is meant to be very temporary. The lift station must be properly repaired as soon as possible. It needs a new transducer and control panel. A minimum of two certified technicians with confined space certifications are needed to perform the repairs and an alternate disposal method of the wastewater flow to the station is needed while repairs are done. Peak Water Services has the capability and the certifications necessary to complete the work. Sweet's Septic, or a similar company, has the capability to divert the flow of wastewater with their

equipment while the work is completed. Public Works requested immediate funding for repairs to the Lewiston Lift station. All council members agreed that this must be done as soon as possible. Councilman Gnesa made a motion to approve funding to fix the Lewiston lift station and to have the wastewater diverted not to exceed \$10,000. Councilman Spencer seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Spencer-Aye; Councilman Gonzales-Aye; Councilman Gnesa-Aye; motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

COUNCIL

NONE

MAYOR

NONE

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 10:41 AM. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer