

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2023

Mayor Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:30 PM. Councilmembers present were Council President BJ Marshall, and Councilman Juan Gonzales. Councilman Shaun Spencer participated via phone. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to approve the September 21, 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; motion passed.**

BILLS

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$21,199.82. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. **Roll call vote taken; Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Gonzales-Aye; motion passed.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

Appoint Rick Foster to vacant City Council Seat

Mayor Vipperman briefly explained that Mr. Foster had contacted her the day before and had asked her to withdraw his name from consideration. **Mayor Vipperman** asked Council if they had any other suggestions to fill the seat. Preferably a person who has construction experience and is available during the day.

Consideration of Resolution 204-2023 Destruction of Records

Mayor Vipperman explained that this was a standard practice, the same resolution that is passed every year to destroy old records in concordance with Idaho Code. **Attorney Tim Stover** agreed with that. **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to pass Resolution 204-2023. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Spencer- Aye; Councilman Gonzales-Aye; motion passed.**

Consideration of Resolution 205-2023 Surplus Property

Mayor Vipperman explained that she had asked the City Clerk to prepare this resolution to sell Code Enforcement's old truck. However, Public Works Director Stephen Devereaux had asked if his department could use the truck for the time being. Therefore, this item of business was skipped.

Consideration of Codification/Legal Review Agreement

Mayor Vipperman presented the current contract with American Legal Publishing for Council's review. The council had previously discussed the importance of getting all current city ordinances codified and updated and had budgeted for that purpose. **Attorney Tim Stover** reiterated that this was very important. **Mayor Vipperman** asked the council if they had any

comments, questions, or anything to discuss. Council agreed it was important **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to accept the contract with American Legal Publishing contingent on review by **Attorney Tim Stover**. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Spencer- Aye; Councilman Gonzales-Aye; motion passed.**

Consideration of Splash Pad/Shade Structure Concrete Pad- Hub City Park

Mayor Vipperman explained that she had hoped to have a quote for Council before the meeting but was unable to obtain one yet. Item was skipped until a current bid can be obtained.

Consideration of Quotes- 7th & 8th Street Water Project

Fire Chief Bob Bailey presented the two quotes to the Council for their review- one from H.D. Fowler and one from Ferguson Waterworks. Both quotes were for the purpose of eliminating the dead-end water pipe on 7th Street W. This is necessary for the health of the entire city's water system. He said that he's been told that pipe prices are expected to skyrocket soon and that we'd need to accept a bid as soon as possible to secure the price. These bids are for the supplies only, City of Wendell Public Works Crew will provide the labor.

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to accept the bid from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$52,100.00. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Spencer- Aye; Councilman Gonzales-Aye; motion passed.**

Unfinished Business

Consideration of Proposed Turn Lane at the High School

Councilwoman Marshall reviewed the ARPA grant money and determined that the grant was only available for water and wastewater improvements. There may be other money out there that would help but we'll need to find it. Project is tabled for the time being.

Consideration of Sign for Hub City Park

Mayor Vipperman presented Council with the quote for the new sign for Hub City Park from Lytle Signs. She stated that the price was a little higher than expected. **Councilwoman Marshall** asked about the park budget and **Mayor Vipperman** said that she'd work to get another bid for the sign and come back to the next meeting with that and a detailed park budget for the Council to review. Item was tabled.

Public Comment

Community member Dale Bowers told of his love for this community but said that he doesn't like the new truck route rules. He also stated that he was against adding speed bumps to East Main Street and wished that we had a newsletter.

Mayor Vipperman informed Mr. Bowers that the truck route rules are not new, they've been in force since 2010 and this Council had expanded rights for truckers by adding East Main Street to the official truck route. She also informed him that the city does have a newsletter that comes out quarterly and stated that she would get him a copy.

Council

Councilwoman Marshall mentioned the upcoming AIC training in Burley but said that she would be unable to attend.

Mayor

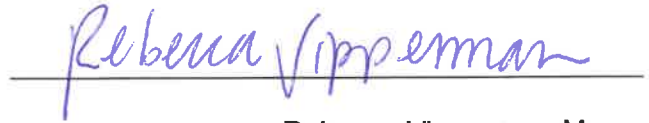
Mayor Vipperman explained that with the recent death of her mother and accompanying funeral that she hadn't been in the office as often as usual and expressed her thanks to the amazing team that works for the city. She said that the city had continued running smoothly during the times she needed to be absent, and she was very grateful to our wonderful workers. She also expressed her gratitude to the community of Wendell for how thoughtful and supportive they had been during this difficult time.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:06 PM. **Councilwoman Marshall** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rebecca Vipperman", is written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

