

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 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 Shaun Spencer, and Councilman Juan Gonzales. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the October 19, 2023, regular council meeting minutes, as presented. **Councilwoman Marshall** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye and Councilman Gonzales-Aye**; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$19,638.89. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye and Councilman Gonzales-Aye**; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Vision, Life, LTD, STD, Dental, Health Insurance Renewals

Lori Bergsma, Balanced Rock, was present to give council the renewal rates and discuss options for the current vision, life, LTD, STD insurance through United Health (no increase), dental insurance through Delta Dental (2% premium increase) and health insurance through Pacific Source (15.70% premium increase) for the full-time employees of City of Wendell. These items were supposed to be separate discussion/action items. The Council decided to vote on them together. **Councilman Spencer** made a motion to accept the renewals for the current vision, life insurance, LTD, STD, dental and health insurance plans. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye and Councilman Gonzales-Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Idaho Workers' Compensation Policy Renewal

City Clerk Karri French presented the renewal for the city's workers' compensation policy with Idaho's State Insurance Fund. The policy premium has increased by 15.90% over last year. After discussion, **Councilman Spencer** made a motion to accept the renewal for the State Insurance Fund workers' compensation policy. **Councilwoman Marshall** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye and Councilman Gonzales-Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Vehicle Purchases- Public Works

Public Works Director Steve Devereaux presented to the council the current situation with the vehicles in Public Works. The oldest truck in the department has broken down and needs to be replaced. Public Works has also gained an additional staff member so, if possible, two vehicles are needed. The Fire Department may be looking at getting rid of an old command vehicle in their department, but they are not looking to replace it at this time. Public Works would like the opportunity to purchase it if it becomes available. The projected cost of replacing the old truck vehicle is \$35,000-\$37,000. If the old Fire Department Command Vehicle becomes available, Public Works has requested \$8,000-\$10,000 to purchase it. After discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to approve Public Works to purchase 2 vehicles not to exceed \$48,000. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye and Councilman Gonzales-Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Christmas Tree & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Mayor Vipperman stated that she would like to see Wendell have a Christmas tree and a lighting ceremony this year on Idaho Street at the new Flag Plaza located next to Ace Theater. She presented the council with multiple options and prices. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to approve the purchase of a lighted Christmas tree 12-14 ft. not to exceed \$6,500. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye and Councilman Gonzales-Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law- Jimenez Variance

This document finalizes the decision voted on by the council at the City Council meeting held on 10/19/2023. Mayor Vipperman stated that this document has been written by **Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis** and approved by **City Attorney Tim Stover**. After a brief discussion, **Councilman Spencer** made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law for the Jimenez Variance requesting to build an addition on the back of the existing home. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye and Councilman Gonzales-Aye**; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall thanked everyone for their participation in the Trunk or Treat on Halloween commenting that it was a great community event.

Councilman Spencer thanked Public Works for their help in blocking the road to keep the event safe for all participants.

Councilman Gonzales thanked Councilman Spencer for assisting in organizing so many community events including the summer concert series the community enjoyed.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman announced that the quarterly newsletter was released last night. She stated that the Trunk or Treat was amazing and there was great community involvement. She also stated that she has enjoyed all the community events over the last few months.

Adjourn

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


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer