

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 16th, 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 November 2, 2023, regular council meeting minutes, as presented. **Councilman Gonzales** 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 \$28,616.56. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye and Councilman Gonzales-Aye**; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

(Public Works/Clerk-Treasurer/Fire/Police/Library/Ordinance)

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Appoint City Council Member- Don Dunn

Mayor Vipperman made a recommendation to the Council that former Councilmember and Mayor, Don Dunn, be appointed to take the seat vacated by **Councilman John Gnesa**. She cited Don Dunn's experience and contacts in the community. **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to appoint Don Dunn to the Wendell City Council. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye and Councilman Gonzales-Aye**; motion passed. Don Dunn was sworn in by **Mayor Vipperman**.

Right of Way Application Fee

Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis explained the purpose of the right of way application was to prevent individuals and companies from altering the city's right of way without proper authorization and approval. He presented the Council with what other cities charge for the application fee. The council decided to set the fee at \$30 and asked **Code Enforcement** to prepare the changes.

Good Neighbor Award

Mayor Vipperman presented the Council with the idea of the city adopting a "Good Neighbor Award" to award citizens or business owners that go on and beyond in helping to make the city a better place. **Councilwoman Marshall** stated that she didn't believe it was the city's place to be giving out awards in that way. **Councilman Spencer** stated that he disagreed and that he thought it would be a good idea. Discussion was had that there needed to be specific parameters set regarding the award. **Mayor Vipperman** will bring those back to Council at the next meeting. Item tabled.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Mayor Vipperman gave the Council an update on the upcoming tree lighting ceremony including speeches, musical numbers and members of the community highlighted for their good works. She stated that the town Christmas decorations would be put up a few days before Thanksgiving and the Christmas tree would be erected the day before the tree lighting ceremony.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall welcomed new **Councilman Don Dunn** to the Council and thanked the city crew for all their efforts.

Councilman Gonzales stated that our crew looked good when they were out around town and that he appreciated that. He also stated that he appreciated watching the police interact with the public so well.

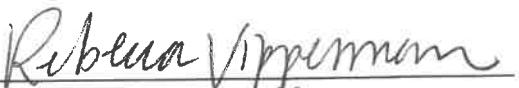
Councilman Dunn thanked the Council for their trust in appointing him and stated that he also thinks that the city staff are doing great. He then asked if the town allows solicitors and was told that they are allowed, with a proper permit.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman stated that she was excited about the tree lighting ceremony and that she had heard many citizens state that they were excited as well. She thanked Council for their support in purchasing a town Christmas tree and thanked the city staff for all their hard work.

ADJOURN

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:22 PM. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer