

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2024

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:31 PM. Council members present were Council President BJ Marshall; Councilman Shaun Spencer; Councilman Juan Gonzales; and Councilman Donald Dunn. City Attorney Tim Stover was not present, but he gave Mayor Vipperman notice in advance of his absence.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the March 7, 2024, regular council meeting minutes, as amended. **Councilwoman Marshall** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Councilman Dunn made a motion to approve the March 21, 2024, regular council meeting minutes, as presented. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$74,954.22. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Ordinance 557-2024- Zoning Amendments

Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis stated that as of the time of the meeting, he had not received updated information he was waiting for from Stover, Gadd and Associates regarding the proposed ordinance. Tabled.

Consideration of Special Event Application- Cruizin' the Canyon

Kaleb Brunson presented the mayor and council with a Sponsor Plaque for the 2023 Cruizin' the Canyon Car Show. He then presented a completed Special Use Application to the council for the annual Cruizin' the Canyon Car Show scheduled for July 27, 2024. He stated that the money raised at the annual car show has helped put a total of 14 kids through trade school in

the last 3 years. After discussion, **Councilman Spencer** made a motion to approve the Special Event Application for the 2024 Cruizin' the Canyon Car Show. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Adopting the City of Wendell Staff Mission Statement

Mayor Vipperman stated that in January of 2023, she and the staff put together the core values that have been displayed in City Hall since last year. She stated that at the last All Staff meeting she took a vote on different versions of a mission statement that utilized those core values, and she would like the council to consider adopting the one chosen by the staff as the City of Wendell Mission Statement. **Mayor Vipperman** then read the mission statement to the council and those in attendance. After a brief discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to adopt the City of Wendell Mission Statement. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Proclamation for Week of the Young Child (April 6-12, 2024)

Mayor Vipperman received the Proclamation for the Week of the Young Child from the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC). The proclamation would show the City of Wendell's intention to show support for the education of young children, birth through age eight, and support for the teachers and others who work with the young children in our community. After a brief discussion **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to proclaim April 6-12, 2024, the Week of the Young Child and for **Mayor Vipperman** to read the proclamation into record. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed. **Mayor Vipperman** read the Proclamation for the Week of the Young Child into the record.

Angel Construction- Using City of Wendell Property to Install Sewer Line- Nampa St. N

Fire Chief Bob Bailey stated that at the last meeting, per city ordinance, the city council decided the City of Wendell would not put the sewer line in along Nampa St N, leaving the responsibility for installation on the property developer. Angel Construction is now asking the city to allow them access to a 15'-20' easement to install a sewer line in allowing the property the ability to connect to the city's sewer. Angel Construction intends to put in a 4-inch line (approximately 160') that will then be connected to the city's sewer system. The easement would still be city property, but the access would allow the developer and, later, the homeowner to make any repairs or upgrades that may become necessary in the future. After discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to grant a 20' easement along the west edge of parcel number RPW200069005C, City of Wendell property, to Angel Construction. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fire Chief Bob Bailey asked the council what he and **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** could do to make situations like the Nampa St N property easier to make decisions on. **Mayor Vipperman** stated maps would help. **Councilman Gonzales** stated that he could help make site maps with copies.

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall stated that she would be going to the AIC Spring meeting in Burley next Thursday. She announced that she is going to retire from the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind on August 31, 2024. She will still be on the city council after retirement.

Councilman Spencer stated that he talked to AJ about the basketball court at City Park. It should be painted soon. The weather prevented painting from being done before this. He also thanked **Fire Chief Bob Bailey**, **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** and **Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis** for all their help. He stated that they are doing a great job.

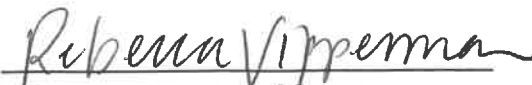
Councilman Gonzales stated that the Easter Egg Hunt was great, but he noticed that the other three council members had missed the community event. He stated that he feels that as many city officials as possible should attend these community events.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman stated that the Public Works department has been working hard to finish Hub City Park and an official opening ceremony should take place in May. She stated that the new snowplow looks great and should prove to be an excellent investment for Wendell. She also stated that she and Public Works Director Steve Devereaux had a meeting with Adrian (ditch rider) to discuss getting a system in place to make the ditch rider job easier. She announced that she put a post on the city's Facebook page regarding irrigation and has already had questions from citizens she has answered. She stated that the Girl Scouts were here on Wednesday and one of the girls said that Mayor Vipperman had canceled Dairy Days. Mayor Vipperman stated, for the record, that she did not cancel Dairy Days. The Wendell Chamber of Commerce dissolved in 2023 due to a lack of community involvement and that is when Dairy Days stopped. She announced that the Clerk's Office has hired a new Administrative Assistant. She also stated that the city staff are still doing a great job.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:27 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer