

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2024

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:34 PM. Council members present were Council President BJ Marshall; Councilman Shaun Spencer; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman Donald Dunn. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the July 8, 2024, budget workshop special meeting minutes, as presented. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

BILLS

Due to a severe power outage event on 7/17/24 that knocked out our server, no bills were presented at this meeting. The bills will be presented at the next budget workshop.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

D. L. Evans Bank- HSA/Investment Options

Tina Myers, Carlos Virrueta and Adair Tello, representing D. L. Evans Bank, presented the council with a proposal detailing their Health Savings Accounts (HSA's), Certificate of Deposit options (CD's), Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) services, and other business account options. After discussion, **Mayor Vipperman** stated that she would like to discuss D. L. Evans proposal with the City of Wendell's current financial institution before any decisions are made. No motion needed.

Consideration of Paint Truck Purchase-Public Works

Public Works Director Steve Devereaux presented the council with pictures and information of a paint truck available for purchase from the Highway District in Filer. After discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to purchase the paint truck for \$8000. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

East Ave F/Simplot Project Update

Mayor Vipperman stated that she and **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** have scheduled a meeting with Simplot to discuss the project and to negotiate costs. **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** presented a quote from Winn & Company, Inc. for two options with cost estimates related to improvements to the road and curve on East Ave F. He also let the council know that he is in the process of getting quotes for lighted arrows for guardrails on the curve going both directions. **Mayor Vipperman** stated that the traffic study is also complete, and it shows that the intersection at East Avenue F and South Idaho Street did not pass during peak hours based on the current increase in traffic and the expected increase of Simplot associated traffic. She stated that a conversation with ITD, Simplot and Maverik will likely need to be scheduled to coordinate improvements that would bring the intersection up to passing the traffic study. After discussion, the council stated that they want to pursue Option 2 from the Winn & Company, Inc. quote. This will come back before the council at a future meeting. No motion needed.

Library Update- Relocation Form

During the Library's department report, **Mayor Vipperman** asked **Library Board Member Deborah Coates** for the update. The City of Wendell Library has always maintained a separate section of the library for children/youth and associated literature. The Library Board has nearly completed the relocation form for the library in compliance with Idaho State Code 18-1517B. The relocation form is intended for any patron to fill out and present to the City of Wendell Library requesting a book or library material moved from the view of minors, if the patron feels a minor should not see that book or material while in the library. As has been the practice for years, the City of Wendell Library only issues library cards to adults/parents/legal guardians who are at least 18 years of age. Minors must be added to an existing library card account by the parent/legal guardian. The Library Board is also discussing additional steps regarding how books are checked out by minors in an ongoing effort to prevent minors from accessing materials they should not access. No motion needed.

DEQ Loan Payment

Councilwoman Marshall stated that, since the sewer project has been completed, the city needs to pay off the DEQ loan associated with the project. The money received from the bond was less than the loan amount because the city self-financed a portion of the sewer project. She stated that she and **City Clerk Karri French** have already discussed the process to pay off the loan. The balance of the loan as of 7/1/2024 is \$1,550,804.61. After a brief discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to pay off the DEQ loan in the amount of \$1,550,804.61 plus any interest owed since the 7/1/2024 statement. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye**, **Councilman Spencer- Aye**, **Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Region IV Development Association (RIVDA) Membership

The council would like more information from a representative from Region IV.
Tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL

Mayor Vipperman asked the council to choose a date for the next budget workshop. The council chose July 25, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Councilwoman Marshall, Councilman Gonzales and Councilman Dunn all stated that the four miles of chip seal done to the roads this month looks great.

MAYOR

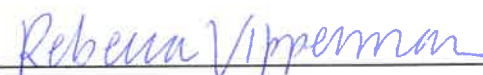
Mayor Vipperman stated that Public Works, the Fire Department, and the Gooding County Sheriff's officers are all doing a great job. She stated that the last concert in the park is scheduled for 7/25/24, the movie in the park, Goonies, will play on 8/2/24 and the Touch a Truck event is scheduled for 8/9/24. She also announced that **Councilman Don Dunn** celebrated his 80th birthday on Tuesday (7/16).

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:47 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer



Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

