

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2024

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:32 PM. Council members present were Council President BJ Marshall (by phone); Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman Donald Dunn. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present. Councilman Shaun Spencer was not present. He notified Mayor Vipperman and the City Clerk by email in advance of his absence.

COUNCIL MEETING Councilman Dunn made a motion to approve the September 5, 2024, regular council meeting minutes, as presented. Councilman Gonzales seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$19,108.88. Councilman Dunn seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS- NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Western Waste Renewal

City Clerk Karri French presented the council with a letter from our current provider (Western Waste) for garbage services stating that the rate for 2024 will be locked in for the next 5 years with the option for Western Waste to request modification of the rate if there are any significant cost changes to their company. Wendell's current contract with Western Waste automatically renews every 5 years unless the city or the provider cancels within the periods provided in the contract. Councilwoman Marshall asked if the Clerk's office had requested bids from other providers. City Clerk Karri French stated that, based on the rate offered and looking online at other providers, she did not seek additional bids. Members of the council commented that we did have another garbage provider before we switched to Western Waste and the city did have received better service from our current provider. City Attorney Tim Stover looked online during the meeting and found that the rate we are offered by Western Waste is lower than other providers who would service the Wendell area. No motion needed.

Consideration of National Long-Term Care Resident's Rights Month 2024 Proclamation

Mayor Vipperman presented the council with a proclamation for National Long-Term Care Resident's Rights. After discussion, **Mayor Vipperman** read the proclamation into record. **Councilman Dunn** made a motion to have **Mayor Vipperman** sign the National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month 2024 Proclamation. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Gonzales-Aye and Councilman Dunn-Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Findings of Fact- Rosa

Mayor Vipperman introduced the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law regarding the decision by the council to deny the rezoning application from Rosa Properties, LLC/JST Construction Inc. on August 1, 2024. **City Attorney Tim Stover** stated that he had sent **Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis** recommendations for added language. The council identified other changes that needed to be made as well. After discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law for Rosa Properties, LLC/JST Construction, Inc. as amended. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Gonzales-Aye; Councilman Gnesa-Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Findings of Fact- Gaskins

Mayor Vipperman introduced the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law regarding the decision by the council to approve the rezoning application from Garlandon, LLC/Thomas Gaskins on August 1, 2024. The council had no comments or corrections. **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law for Garlandon, LLC/Thomas Gaskins as presented. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Gonzales-Aye; Councilman Dunn-Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Lewiston Booster VFD's Project Quote

Public Works Director Steve Devereaux presented the council with a quote (\$19,945.50) from Automation Werx, LLC for repairs to/replacement of the VFDs at Lewiston Well. He stated that part of the system is manual, and part of the system is on a VFD system. Parts of the system needing repair were last replaced in 1997. Even with repairs/replacements made after 1997, Lewiston Well needs two new VFDs. The heat over the summer also caused issues with the cooling fans. He stated that currently there were no grants available to help with the costs. **City Clerk Karri French** and **Councilwoman Marshall** both stated that the council had anticipated additional repairs to the wells and planned for upgrades to the water system and there were still funds available for these repairs. After a brief discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to accept the quote from Automation Werx, LLC in the amount of \$19,945.50. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Gonzales-Aye; Councilman Dunn-Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Vipperman stated that the city has a comprehensive plan from 2013 but efforts by staff at City Hall to locate a copy by the time of tonight's meeting were unsuccessful. **City Attorney**

Tim Stover stated that a comprehensive plan is particularly important, and the council could look over comprehensive plans from nearby cities to help build one for Wendell. After discussion, the council decided to schedule a special city council meeting/workshop on September 30, 2024, at 6:30 PM to work on an updated comprehensive plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Sidewalk Grant application- Wendell Rec District

Mayor Vipperman introduced the Sidewalk Grant Application from the Wendell Recreation District. The grant application specifies that the funds available are for replace/repair of existing sidewalk. The Rec District application requested grant funds for new sidewalk. The application could not be processed based on the Sidewalk Grant rules. No motion needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall stated that she appreciated the new sidewalk the city recently had put in that goes to the schools on East Main Street. She thanked Public Works for moving the flashing crossing signs to meet up with the sidewalk at the school and for repainting the crosswalk lines. She also stated that the repainted "W" just before the high school looks great.

Councilman Gonzales stated that it was nice to see the city involved in the Homecoming Parade this year. He thanked Public Works and the Fire Department.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman stated that she also appreciated the city vehicles in the Homecoming Parade. She thanked Public Works and the Fire Department. She stated that she had attended a meeting with Region IV. Region IV recommended the city not apply for the Block grant for the VFD's. Instead, they suggested Wendell apply for grants to help with the city's comprehensive water/facilities plan and consider a bond. She stated that she met with Maverik Corporate regarding the old Maverik building on the corner of East Main and Idaho. She stated that Maverik Corporate wants to help the city grow by encouraging a business to use the building. She announced that Deb Coates resigned from the Library Board and she and the council will need to find someone to replace her. She also thanked the city staff for all their hard work and stated they are doing a great job.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:51 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer



Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor