

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2024

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:33 PM. Council members present were Council President BJ Marshall; Councilman Shaun Spencer (by phone); Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman Donald Dunn. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present.

AMENDED AGENDA

Councilman Dunn made a motion to accept the Amended Agenda for October 3, 2024. Councilman Gonzales seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the September 19, 2024, regular council 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

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$90,462.05. Councilman Dunn seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Abstain, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of/Update from McHugh Bromley- Recommendation for Intervention

Candice McHugh of McHugh Bromley was on the phone to speak to the council regarding the most current developments in protecting Wendell's water rights and our access to water from Pocatello. Due to recent developments in the state's decisions, McHugh Bromley is now asking the cities in the coalition for permission to intervene on behalf of Pocatello, where Wendell's water is leased from. The negative impact on Wendell's water access, if it is not changed, could drastically reduce or even stop Wendell from receiving its leased water from Pocatello. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to approve McHugh Bromley intervene on behalf of Pocatello. **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 Resolution 208-2024-Destruction of Records

City Clerk Karri French presented the council with Resolution 208-2024- Destruction of Records. She stated that, while attending training this year, it was strongly recommended that language regarding email should be included in the records retention schedule. **City Clerk Karri French** read the record retention rules regarding email into the record. **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to accept Resolution 208-2024- Destruction of Records 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.

Consideration of Renewal- Delta Dental

City Clerk Karri French presented the council with the 2025 employee dental plan renewal. It is a 2% increase in premiums over last year. After a brief discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to accept the Delta Dental renewal for January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, 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.

Consideration of Research Fee- Resolution 207-2024

City Clerk Karri French stated that **Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis** requested the council move to remove a research fee from Resolution 207-2024 under the fees for Animal Control. He stated to **City Clerk Karri French** that he has never used it and does not see the need to keep it in the fees schedule. **City Attorney Tim Stover** recommended that the city leave the fee and look at increasing it in the future. The council did not see any reason for it to be removed. No motion needed.

Consideration of Wendell Investment Policy

Councilwoman Marshall presented the council with a rough draft Investment Policy. The need for the policy is based on recommendations from the representative of Edward Jones Investments who attended the city council special meeting on September 30, 2024. **Councilwoman Marshall** asked the other members of the council and **City Attorney Tim Stover** to give any feedback/recommendations to the proposed policy. No motion needed.

Consideration of Boise-Pocatello Water Line Replacement

Fire Chief Bob Bailey presented the council with a project to replace a 500 ft. section of 1" water line recently discovered during excavation for another project. (**Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** was unable to attend the meeting.) The project would replace the 1" water line with an 8" line to provide better service to the 4 homes connected to it. There was some discussion regarding whether IDAPA applied to this project or not. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to approve the project contingent on approval from **City Attorney Tim Stover** regarding IDAPA. **Councilman Gonzales** 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

None

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall stated that the AIC Fall meeting is coming up later this month and she would like to attend. **City Clerk Karri French** stated that she would take care of registration for the meeting.

Councilman Dunn stated that Rigo did a great job painting the library and it looks good.

City Attorney Tim Stover stated to **Councilman Spencer** that he was still working on the food truck ordinance and would get it to him next week.

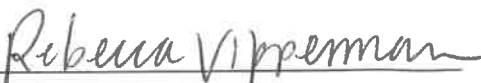
Councilman Spencer stated that he called into the meeting from McCall, Idaho and it is beautiful there this time of year.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman stated that irrigation will end on October 15th. Rigo has been training with Adrian so that Public Works would be better able to help Adrian if he needs it in the future. She also stated that the DEQ lead line preliminary spreadsheet was completed and sent to **Fire Chief Bob Bailey** and **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** for completion. **Fire Chief Bob Bailey** stated that the rest of the spreadsheet was completed and submitted to DEQ before the deadline. **Mayor Vipperman** expressed her thanks. She announced that a photographer is scheduled to be here on Thursday to take staff photos. She also announced that the Trunk or Treat will be streetside at City Park on October 31 at 6PM. She asked for help with the event and judging/awarding prizes. She will coordinate with Gooding County Sheriff's office and Public Works to get the street blocked.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:18 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer