

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 7, 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; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman Donald Dunn. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Dunn made a motion to approve the October 17, regular council meeting minutes, as amended. Councilman Gonzales seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilman Dunn made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$46,245.31. Councilwoman Marshall seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Update from Valley Beef- Logan Scott & Curtis Merrill

Logan Scott representing Valley Beef was present to update the council on the wastewater system installed at Valley Beef. Curtis Merrill was also present in the audience. So far, the system is functioning well; the media that processes the wastewater is growing as expected. He stated that he feels that communication between Valley Beef, Public Works Director Steve Devereaux and Fire Chief Bob Bailey has been very good. If any potential issues arise, all parties are in contact quickly to find mutual solutions. Mayor Vipperman asked Fire Chief Bob Bailey if he agreed. He stated that he agrees that communication and cooperation has been very good. Logan Scott asked if the current wastewater permit could become permanent. Mayor Vipperman and Councilwoman Marshall expressed their appreciation to Logan Scott and Curtis Merrill for the hard work and open communication. No motion needed.

Consideration of Permanent Wastewater Permit- Valley Beef

Fire Chief Bob Bailey presented the mayor and council with the updated Wastewater Permit for Valley Beef. It was reviewed by City Attorney Tim Stover. City Attorney Tim Stover stated that the temporary permit was put in place while Valley Beef worked on installing the wastewater processing system they have now. This permit would be renewable on a schedule set by the city and revocable by the city if necessary. Logan Scott stated that Valley Beef plans to keep

the city updated regularly and continue to work with Public Works. Curtis Merrill asked if the permit would be automatically renewed or if it would come before council for renewal. He also asked if the city would continue sampling and testing twice a month. The council stated that the permit would be reviewed by the city for any future renewals. **Fire Chief Bob Bailey** stated that the testing schedule would remain the same. **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to accept the Valley Beef Regulated Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit No. 012022 with **City Attorney Tim Stover's** changes. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Century 21 After School Program- Shawna Tvrdy

Shawna Tvrdy was present to talk to the mayor and council about the STEAM Family Night made possible through Century 21. The event is scheduled for 12/12/24 from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM in the Wendell Elementary School Gymnasium. She stated that they need 11 volunteers to help with the event. She asked the mayor and council to consider volunteering. **Councilwoman Marshall** stated that she would volunteer and ask her church for volunteers. **Councilman Gonzales** stated that he would also volunteer. She also asked if the city would help by putting notices on the city website and Facebook page. **Mayor Vipperman** stated that the city would be happy to do that. No motion needed.

Consideration of Fireworks Cost Sharing- Paula Simerly

Mayor Vipperman stated that Paula Simerly contacted her recently regarding the rising cost of fireworks and it is time to put in our order for the 2025 Independence Day celebration. Paula asked **Mayor Vipperman** to discuss the possibility of the city contributing \$1000-\$2000. **Councilwoman Marshall** asked if businesses in town will also donate. She also stated that the city has a total budget of \$2000 for donations, but a portion of that is already designated to a donation the city makes to Wendell High School. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to supplement the cost of fireworks for 2025 not to exceed \$1,500.00. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Special Events Application- Christmas Light Parade

Kristie Sutton presented the council with a special events application for a Christmas Light Parade. She stated that every town around Wendell has a parade before the tree lighting. She stated that they are hoping to schedule the parade on 11/29/24 at 6 PM since the Tree Lighting event is scheduled for 7 PM the same night. She also stated that paperwork for the insurance has already been submitted and she is waiting for the official documents. Possible routes were discussed, and a rough outline was decided on. **Councilman Gonzales** thanked the Sutton's for coming up with the idea and for being willing to organize it. After discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to approve the special event application for Christmas Light Parade contingent on Idaho Transportation Department and insurance documents. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall stated that she and **City Clerk Karri French** recently attended the AIC Fall meeting in Burley. Water and sewer rates, cybersecurity, ICRMP on insurance cycles, as well as a presentation from Kelly Packer on the legislative process and updates on recent legislation were topics at the meeting.

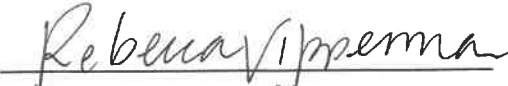
Councilman Gonzales stated that he was contacted by Wendell Elementary asking the mayor and council if they would volunteer on 11/21/24 to serve Thanksgiving lunch. He also stated that he loves seeing the community ask the mayor and council to volunteer for events.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman thanked **Councilman Gonzales** and **Councilwoman Marshall** for handling the Trunk or Treat and handing out prizes. She stated that there was only one citizen complaint this year, so she counted it as a success. She announced that she has completed the Mayor's Walking Challenge, and the City of Wendell will be awarded \$1000 that is tentatively earmarked for repairs to the diggers at Hub City Park. She announced that the Legion Hall will be accepting a donation for refurbishing/repairing the Veteran's Park on 11/11/24 at the Veteran's Park at 11 AM if anyone would like to attend. She also announced that the Wendell Elementary School would have a Veteran's Day program on 11/11/24 from 9 AM – 9:45 AM. She stated that she was very glad that two of Wendell's Public Works employees were not seriously injured when their work truck was t-boned by another vehicle recently.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:24 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer