

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2025

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to approve the February 6, regular council meeting minutes, as amended. She requested additional details regarding the Dairy Days Special Event application. **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 \$19,559.63. **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 FY23-24 Audit- Mahlke Hunsaker & Company, PLLC

Scott Hunsaker, Mahlke Hunsaker & Co, presented the fiscal year 2023-2024 audit to the council. He stated that there were no issues found, and Mahlke Hunsaker & Co. have given the desired unqualified opinion. He stated that the staff was easy to work with and the audit went smoothly. The checks and balances already in place, which include a review of the expenses and the minutes by the council, are particularly important. He also stated that our monetary reserves are in great shape. After a brief discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to accept the FY 2023-2024 audit as presented. Councilman Dunn seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye**, **Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Weed & Tree Spraying Quotes

The council requested more information, tabled.

Consideration of Extending Alley Drive

The primary concern for EMS is safety, which is why this action is being considered. This item will be brought back to council at the next meeting, tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Special Event Application- Dairy Days

Mayor Vipperman stated that this item will be brought back to council at the next meeting, tabled.

Consideration of Contract Quotes - Multi-function Printer for City Hall

The council requested more information, tabled.

Consideration of Operation Facelift Project

Mayor Vipperman asked the council if they had any ideas for this year's Operation Facelift project. After discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to approve landscaping around the city sign for the 2025 Operation Facelift project. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye**, **Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Juan Martinez stated that he lives on Alley Drive. He stated that he understands the points that **Fire Chief Bob Bailey** and **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** made. He stated that he has submitted an application and is asking for a vacate because the property is an "L" shape and will be cut into two separate pieces if the alley is completed. He stated that he would offer to be responsible for gravel in front of the house and maintain it. He also stated that since the city has no Planning & Zoning administrator, people can bring a survey to the county and have it recorded. He also stated that tomorrow is his last day as the Gooding County Building Inspector, he is going to be working for St. Luke's and Brian Grossman will be taking the building inspector position.

COUNCIL

Councilman Gonzales told Juan Martinez that it has been a pleasure working with him.

Councilwoman Marshall stated that she is loving Arizona.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman stated that the city staff are awesome. She thanked **City Clerk Karri French** for another great audit. She also thanked Public Works, Fire and Code Enforcement for all their hard work despite the crazy weather Wendell has been experiencing.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 8:06 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

Attest:


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer