

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2023

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Council President BJ Marshall and Councilman Shaun Spencer; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman John Gnesa. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NONE

BILLS

Councilman Gnesa made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$23,815.10. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Tracy Ahrens- J. U. B.- Update on Water Line Extension

Tracy Ahrens of J. U. B., representing the Valley Wide Cooperative, presented an update regarding the possibility of bringing water lines to the other side of the highway with routes to consider and a summary of the possible engineering involved. Depending on the available route, the project would cost approximately 1.7 million to 2.1 million. This will be discussed again at the next council meeting. No motion needed.

Consideration of Rave Mobile Safety Annual Contract

This service is used to send alert messages from City Hall to the citizens of Wendell. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to accept the Rave Mobile Safety Annual Contract in the amount of \$1000 for 12 months. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Special Use Permit- Ordinance

Nathan Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, presented updates to the council regarding special use permits, home occupation businesses, the need to update the ordinance, and develop new forms as needed. This will be brought back before council in the near future. No motion needed.

Water Cycle Billing- Ordinance

Nathan Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, presented the current billing schedule compared to the Ordinance. The Ordinance needs updated. This will be brought back before council in the near future. No motion needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Prefabricated Sheds

This was brought back to council to review any additional information, if any, since the last time it was discussed. After discussion, it was decided that the Ordinance will not be changed and will be enforced. Wendell contracts with Gooding County for their building inspector. Gooding County decides the fees. The council feels there is no further need to review this again. No motion needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Former Mayor Donald Dunn stated that he feels Mayor Vipperman, the City Council and the City Staff are all doing a great job.

COUNCIL

Councilman Spencer stated that he hoped to have an agreement with the School District regarding the proposed Flag Plaza soon.

Councilwoman Marshall asked the Clerk about the progress with the City's transition to our new IT. The Clerk stated it was going smoothly and most of it is complete.

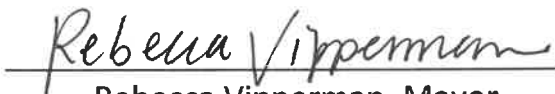
MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman stated that she and **Councilman Spencer** would be asking for citizens to review and vote regarding options for the new park on January 6th, 2023. The locations and times will be the Senior Center at 12 PM, Simerly's at 4PM, and the High School Gym at 6PM. She also stated that a

University of Idaho Extension Community Health Project, regarding mental health, will be held at Living Waters Presbyterian church on January 30, 2023 at 7 PM.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 8:13 PM. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer