

City of Wendell
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Budget Workshop
July 9, 2025

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the special meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:30 PM. Council members present were Council President BJ Marshall and Councilwoman Carolyn McRoberts; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman Donald Dunn.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Variance Letter-Gooding County-Simplot

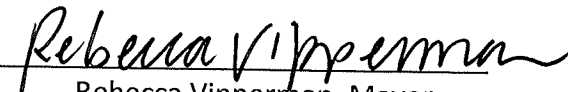
Mayor Vipperman stated that she has been asked by Gooding County Planning & Zoning to write a comment letter stating whether the City of Wendell is in favor or not in favor of Simplot's Variance Application to construct a 60 ft warehouse structure. This site of the proposed structure is in the city's area of impact. Overall, there was concern from the council and the mayor over the height of the structure negatively impacting residents nearby. The height of the catwalk proposed to go across the inside of this building was also a concern. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to have **Mayor Vipperman** submit a letter to Gooding County Planning & Zoning stating that the city is not in favor of the variance. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts – Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Budget Workshop

The council discussed the upcoming budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026. **Library Board President LeeAnn Gonzales** also attended to discuss the library's budget. **City Clerk Karri French** presented the council with a balanced rough draft budget. Each fund was discussed, and revisions were noted. The council decided to carry over \$96,000 of interest income from the Water Fund to the Library Fund for the Library Remodel Project. Any funds not used in the Library Remodel Project are to be returned to the Water Fund. The next budget meeting was scheduled for July 29, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 8:04 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer