

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2025

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the July 3 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts–Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the July 15 Special Council Meeting (Budget Workshop) minutes as presented. **Councilwoman McRoberts** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts–Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$29,101.17. **Councilwoman McRoberts** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Resolution 211-2025-Fees & Rates

City Clerk Karri French presented the proposed rates and fees for fiscal year 2025-2026. She stated that the residential and commercial rates for water/sewer/garbage rates were raised by 3%. She also stated that she worked with **Public Works Director Steve Deveareaux** and the public works rates, including water meter installation costs, have also been raised by 3%. After discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion that Resolution 211-2025 Fees & Rates be approved. **Councilwoman McRoberts** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Purchase of 2022 Plow Ready Ford Truck

Public Works Director Steve Deveareaux presented the council with a quote and picture of a

2022 Ford F250 located at Dick's Kar Karal to replace a public works vehicle that is 25 years old and is "on its last legs". A plow can be affixed to the front of the truck to assist with snow removal in the winter. After discussion, **Councilwoman McRoberts** made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford F250 plow ready truck in the amount of \$37,588. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Completing 7th Avenue West & North Milner Street

Tabled to review budget after chip seal project payment is completed.

Consideration of Revising Sidewalk Grant Application

Tabled for revision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Interest Allocation Module-Caselle

Councilwoman Marshall stated that she and **City Clerk Karri French** have had discussions and attended a webinar with Caselle regarding the Interest Allocation Module. She stated that each fund has money in one of the city's LGIP (Local Government Investment Pool) accounts and this module will help allocate the interest across the funds. She also stated that although the council recently voted to close an old account, she felt that it should remain open to hold LGIP funds withdrawn to pay for the Library Remodel and City Shop Addition projects. **City Clerk Karri French** stated that the account has not been closed yet due to the need for two signers and scheduling conflicts. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to add the Caselle Interest Allocation Module for \$550 one-time payment for online training and \$55 per month to our Caselle subscription. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts -Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Caselle Backflow Module

Tabled. The Deputy Clerk was still collecting information requested by the council regarding this module.

Consideration of Budget Workshop-Budget Review

This is the final step before holding a public hearing to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$5,805,484 for publication to hold a budget public hearing. **Councilwoman McRoberts** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts -Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Gnesa was present to lodge a complaint against the Ditch Rider who is contracted by the city for the 2025 Irrigation season. After the council heard the nature of the complaint, **Mayor Vipperman** reassured Linda Gnesa that the matter would be investigated.

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall stated that the chip seal that was done recently is great. She stated that **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** showed her a picture of the recent work done at Hub City Park. She plans to visit soon with her granddaughters. She thanked the LDS church for all their hard work assisting a local resident with his property along Idaho Street.

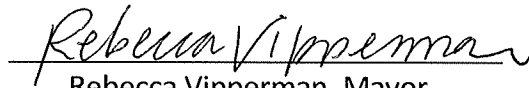
Councilman Dunn thanked Gooding County Officer Rivera for his recent help.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman wished **Councilwoman Marshall** a happy birthday. She stated that the response from the community regarding the library remodel project has been amazing. Citizens are excited and happy. She stated that she has had an offer of a donation from the daughter of the same family who donated to help her grandmother build the city pool. She would like to invite her to a ceremony commemorating the project, if one can be scheduled considering how quickly the remodel was started, and for the grand opening. She announced that the quarterly newsletter goes out tomorrow and any events or information the council would like to see included would be welcomed. She thanked the Public Works employees for all their hard work with this year's chip seal as well as the work done at Hub City Park. She thanked **Fire Chief Bob Bailey** for helping Public Works with these projects and much more. She also thanked **City Clerk Karri French** for her hard work on the budget.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:21 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

Attest:


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer