

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 16, 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 McRoberts; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman Donald Dunn. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council President BJ Marshall stated that the ICRMP renewal amount contained a typo and Councilman Gonzales stated that an extra line of text needed to be removed in the section detailing the council accepting the Amended Appropriations Ordinance. Councilwoman McRoberts made a motion to approve the September 18, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes as amended. Councilman Dunn seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Council President Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye; motion passed.

Councilwoman McRoberts made a motion to approve the October 2, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Councilman Dunn seconded the motion. seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Council President Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye; motion passed.

Councilwoman McRoberts made a motion to approve the October 8, 2025, Special Meeting minutes as presented. Councilman Dunn seconded the motion. seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Council President Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilwoman McRoberts made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$20,807.68. Councilman Dunn seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Council President Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye; motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

(Public Works/Clerk-Treasurer/Fire/Police/Library/Ordinance)

PUBLIC HEARINGS- None

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Changing Department Head Credit Card Spending Limit

Mayor Vipperman stated that she contacted Farmer's Bank regarding the credit card limits for the four cards on the account. She presented the council with a copy of the response from Farmer's Bank showing that

an internal typo was the root of the problem the city had been experiencing with **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux's** card. No motion needed.

Consideration of Quote- New Library Location-Pinnacle Technologies

Mayor Vipperman presented a quote from Pinnacle Technologies for moving existing cameras from the current library location, adding two additional cameras to the new library location, and installing a security system in the new library location. The council had questions regarding the existing contract, whether there were any issues working with Pinnacle, response times from Pinnacle and additional questions regarding the security system itself that the city already uses through Pinnacle Technologies. After discussion, **Councilman Dunn** made a motion to accept the quote from Pinnacle Technologies in the amount of \$4,276.40.

Councilwoman McRoberts seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Council President Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts-Aye, Councilman Gonzales-Aye and Councilman Dunn-Aye**; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of AFA Petition to Intervene- Water Mitigation

This item was tabled at the last meeting until more information was available. **City Attorney Tim Stover** stated that he had spoken with Candace McHugh (McHugh & Bromley) regarding the current mitigation situation. Although this action does not directly affect the City of Wendell at this time, he advised the city council that participation may prove beneficial in the future. He also stated that it was the council's decision whether to participate in the current action. After discussion, **Councilwoman McRoberts** made a motion to proceed with the AFA Petition to Intervene. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Council President Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts-Aye, Councilman Gonzales-Nay and Councilman Dunn-Aye**; three in favor, one opposed; motion passed.

Consideration of Resolution 213-2025- Destruction of Records

This item was tabled at the last meeting to get more information from **Clerk/Treasurer Karri French**. **City Attorney Tim Stover** stated that although it is good to pass a Destruction of Records resolution each year, it does not require a city to dispose of all documents eligible for destruction. He cited an incident last year where having records that go further back than statutes require would have been beneficial. **Clerk/Treasurer Karri French** stated that she agreed with **City Attorney Tim Stover**, and, after that incident, she has been more discerning in keeping certain types of records the city would benefit from by retaining them for longer periods of time. **Council President Marshall** stated that there had also been a recent discussion on the possibility of digitally capturing the city's records. She also stated that she planned to get more information and a quote. After a brief discussion, **Councilwoman McRoberts** made a motion to approve Resolution 213-2025 Destruction of Records. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Council President Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts-Aye, Councilman Gonzales-Nay and Councilman Dunn-Aye**; three in favor, one opposed; motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale Bowers was present to let Public Works know that the new street on Milner had rounded

corners on the north side and the south side went straight. **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** stated that the city contracted a company to do the work, he would come to check the road and contact the company who put the road in if needed.

Dale Bowers also expressed his concerns regarding the recent utility billing issue the city experienced that has resulted in a higher than usual bill after the city estimated water usage for 2 months earlier this summer. He stated that he came to city hall and felt that he did not receive the help or information he needed. He also stated that although he does have a swimming pool for his grandkids, but it was used a lot less this summer than it was last summer. He stated that this billing issue has affected many people around town. **Mayor Vipperman** stated that the city has been working with anyone who asks, that no late fee was charged in October and no one had their water shut off in October as the city works with those affected by this. She stated that the city has been working with those who have asked for assistance in understanding the bill as well as those who have asked for more time to pay the bill. She told Dale Bowers that the city staff would be happy to go over his bill in detail again, assist in making payment arrangements if he needed more time, and would send public works again to check the status of his water meter.

COUNCIL

Council President Marshall stated her appreciation of all the hard work by the city staff. She also welcomed the new Gooding County Sheriff's officer to Wendell.

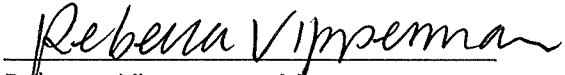
Councilman Gonzales stated that the city should investigate additional engineering firms for the city's needs. He also welcomed the new Gooding County Sheriff's officer to Wendell.

MAYOR

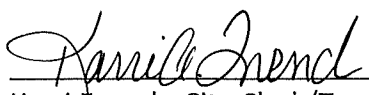
Mayor Vipperman stated that she was working with Frontier Community Resources on a grant for the library remodel. She stated that she had recently visited the elementary school and spoke on the how elections work and how the city operates. She also stated that she met with **City Attorney Tim Stover** regarding the agreement the city is working on for Simplot. She announced that the Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31, 2025. More trunks are needed this year. She also announced that the Annual Christmas Tree lighting will be held on November 28, 2025.

Adjourn

Councilman Dunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:13 PM. **Councilwoman McRoberts** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

Attest:


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer