

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 6, 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.

Amended Agenda

Councilman Dunn made a motion to accept the Amended Agenda for November 6, 2025, adding item F. Consideration of RFQ for Professional Engineering Services. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilwoman McRoberts- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Dunn made a motion to approve the October 16, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. **Councilman Gonzales** 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 as presented in the amount of \$32,721.23. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman 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 Pacific Source Health Insurance 2026 Renewal

City Clerk Karri French presented the 2026 renewal from Pacific Source Health Insurance, noting a 1.81% premium increase for the Navigator Gold HSA 3400 plan. The deductible remains \$3,400 for an individual, and the new monthly employer rate is \$746.25 per full-time employee. After a brief discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to accept the Pacific Source Health Plan Navigator Gold HSA 3400 renewal for 2026 with the 1.81% increase to the premium. **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 Delta Dental Insurance 2026 Renewal

City Clerk Karri French presented the 2026 Delta Dental renewal, noting a 2.5% premium increase. The new rate is \$39.14 per month for each full-time employee. After a brief discussion, **Councilwoman McRoberts** made a motion to accept the Delta Dental renewal for 2026 with the 2.5% increase of the premium. **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 United Heritage-Vision, Basic Life, LTD, STD 2026 Renewal

City Clerk Karri French presented the 2026 renewal from United Heritage for vision, basic life, long-term disability, and short-term disability coverage. All rates remain unchanged from the prior year. After a brief discussion, **Councilwoman McRoberts** made a motion to accept the United Heritage renewal for 2026 with no increase to premiums for vision basic life, LTD and STD. **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 Quote- TR310B Skidsteer

Public Works Director Steve Devereaux stated that the Skidsteer, which also serves as a forklift for the Public Works Department, has been reassigned to the lagoons due to new waste-disposal requirements. Because of its use there, it can no longer be utilized for any other tasks. He noted that staff have attempted to find safe alternatives for unloading larger items without the Skidsteer but have struggled, resulting in a recent near-miss incident involving a delivered pallet. He stated that the council had budgeted \$40,000 for the purchase of a second Skidsteer. He presented a quote that exceeds the budget by \$4,900 and requested that the funds saved on the recent purchase of the sander, approximately the same amount, be applied to cover the difference. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to approve the quote for the TR310B Skidsteer not to exceed \$44,900. **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 Quote-Aprons for Public Works Shop Addition-JST Construction

Public Works Director Steve Devereaux stated that snow and water runoff from the roof can cause erosion. He explained that constructing an apron around the building would protect the surrounding ground. He also noted that recent asphalt work for new roads came in under budget and requested that the saved funds be applied to cover the apron installation cost. After discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to accept the quote from JST Construction for the aprons not to exceed \$18,939.25. **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 RFQ for Professional Engineering Services

Tabled for review. No motion needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Wendell Area of Impact

The Area of Impact for the City of Wendell must be completed by December 31, 2025. A workshop will be scheduled to work on this. No motion needed.

Consideration of Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan should be completed with the Area of Impact as both are related to the needs and potential growth of the City of Wendell. The council chose to schedule a workshop for this and the Area of Impact on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:30 PM. No motion needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall thanked the Gooding County Sheriff's office and the officer present for the extra efforts on 4th Street. She stated that many vehicles speed through the area.

Councilwoman McRoberts stated that a great job was done on this year's Trunk Or Treat. She stated that there were a lot of people this year. **Mayor Vipperman** stated that the event needs more trunks in the future because many participants quickly ran out of candy and goodies for the attendees.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman thanked everyone for their participation in the Trunk Or Treat, noting that the Fire Department's set up was amazing, and **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux's** mask was terrifying. She announced that she was invited to attend a meeting with North Canyon Medical Center soon to discuss current and future needs of the Wendell area. The city is applying for several grants including an LHTAC block grant for street lighting and a grant for the library remodel project with the help of Frontier Community Resources. She also announced that she has a meeting with Simplot next week. **City Attorney Tim Stover** stated that he spoke with Simplot representatives today on the phone and discussed several items of interest, including the traffic concerns on the new Simplot location is fully operational. He stated that the city needs to carefully consider the city's needs for the annexation agreement. The improvement to F Avenue was also discussed, with **Mayor Vipperman** stating that **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** was in the process of getting quotes together for the project. **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** stated that he has already received quotes for the asphalt work. Council members expressed concerns about adequate guardrails, wastewater mitigation and additional wear and tear on roads due to the increased type of traffic the city expects to see from Simplot. **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** stated he was still waiting for those cost evaluations as well as quotes for signs and other costs associated with this type of project. **Mayor Vipperman** announced that she has completed the Mayor's Walking Challenge and won \$1000 for the city. She has

designated the prize money to be used on the Library Remodel Project. Mayor Vipperman also announced that she, **Councilman Dunn**, and **Councilwoman McRoberts** have all been reelected. There was no election announcement in the news because each of them ran unopposed for their offices. She stated that an announcement has been posted on the city's Facebook page and will be posted on the city's website.

Adjourn

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



Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

Attest:



Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer