

City of Wendell
Special Council Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2026

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; Councilwoman McRoberts; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman Donald Dunn. City Attorney Tim Stover was not present due to a previous commitment.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

None

BILLS

Councilwoman McRoberts made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$11,544.58. **Councilman Dunn** 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Vipperman stated that public comment would be opened first before beginning the workshop discussion. She then recused herself due to a conflict of interest and **Council President BJ Marshall** presided over the meeting.

Don Bunn was present to discuss potential methods to figure out the irrigation billing the citizens of Wendell pay annually. He also suggested that the city consider these options to not only expand usage of the irrigation system, but to also investigate options to install a pressurized irrigation system to save culinary water. The more irrigation water the city can use for lawns, gardens, etc., the more we save drinking water distributed by the city's wells for future use. Questions were asked and his suggestions were discussed in detail.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Methods of Billing- Irrigation Workshop

This workshop was held to discuss the city's irrigation system, possible alternatives to the system and how it is billed, with an emphasis on ensuring that TITLE 50 MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, CHAPTER 18 CITY IRRIGATION SYSTEMS is followed if changes are made. The city council stated that the city will consult with **City Attorney Tim Stover** before any decisions are made. No motion needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

None

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall stated that she was glad Don Bunn was able to attend and present a great idea.

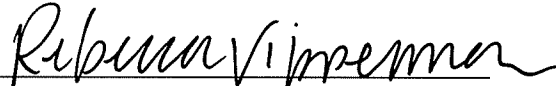
Councilman Gonzales stated that he was in Buhl recently with employees from Planning and Zoning. He stated he saw public works using a wand to read meters and wondered if our own public works department used this method. **Public Works Director Steve Devereaux** stated that they did have a wand and used it to read some of the city's meters. He also stated that it is always good to see how other cities operate the same type of tasks.

MAYOR

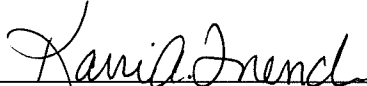
Mayor Vipperman stated that she and several city department heads had a meeting recently with the railroad and ITD to discuss getting the railroad crossing replaced. There was some concern regarding the schedule to do the repairs and Dairy Days scheduling this year. She stated that the Dairy Days committee would get a date set, and she would make sure to let the railroad know when the city meets with their representative again.

ADJOURN

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:57 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

Attest:


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer