

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 7th, 2026

Mayor Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:31 PM. Council members present **BJ Marshall, Carolyn McRoberts, Juan Gonzales and Don Dunn**. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present.

AGENDA

Councilmember Don Dunn made a motion to approve the amended agenda for May 7th, 2026, adding item F. Consideration of draft Simplot annexation agreement. **Councilmember Carolyn McRoberts** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; all approved; none opposed; motion passed.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilmember Carolyn McRoberts made a motion to approve April 16, 2026, regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **Councilmember Don Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; all approved; none opposed; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilmember Carolyn McRoberts made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$39,969.95. **Councilmember Don Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; all approved; none opposed; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS (action items)-

A. - Frontier Community Resources- Smiles grant award

Michele McFarlane shared that with their 50th anniversary they have awarded 36 projects in south central Idaho. City of Wendell was awarded an additional \$1,100 dollars totaling \$6,100 awarded for the "Lost History" project.

B. - AIC City Achievement Award

The City of Wendell will receive an award at the 2026 Association of Idaho Cities Annual Conference on June 11, 2026, during the 6:00 p.m. banquet at the Boise Centre in Boise.

Project title: Wendell Public Library Improvement Project

The Mayor has invited Michele McFarlane to join the City Council to receive the award.

C. – Consideration of Professional Engineering Services- RH

Attorney's office has made some changes to the agreement and will be sending it to RH2. No motion needed.

D. – Consideration of Resolution 220-Facility plan

The attorney's office will incorporate the handwritten revisions into the document and will send it to The Mayor to be signed tomorrow.

Councilmember BJ Marshall made a motion to accept Resolution -Facility plan with revision. **Councilmember Carolyn McRoberts** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; all approved; none opposed; motion passed.

E. – Consideration of Finding of Facts, Conclusions of law-ETS special use application.

Councilmember Juan Gonzales made the motion to accept findings of fact and conclusions of law. **Councilmember Don Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; all approved; none opposed; motion passed.

F. – Consideration of Draft Simplot Annexation Agreement

The Attorneys' office has revised the agreement and will be sending it to Simplot, with the hope that it will be available for approval at the next meeting. No motion needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (action items)

a. - Consideration of Tree Removal -251 E Ave A

Approved with no conditions.

Councilmember Juan Gonzales made the motion to accept tree removal at 251 E Ave A. **Councilmember Don Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; all approved; none opposed; motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lether Terra on behalf of the library board wanted to update council about the two employees leaving and the two that will be replacing their positions. New shelves will be arriving in about two more weeks.

Council:

Councilmember BJ Marshall attended the recent AIC meeting and mentioned several changes to laws that were made by the Idaho legislature this session, such as employment of relatives, that will affect the city. She also learned that while state revenue sharing is anticipated to increase by 2.7%, state liquor funding and highway users' revenue are expected to decrease.

Mayor:

Mayor Vipperman Spring cleanup is done with thanks to Public Works and Maria for calling in for the dumpsters.

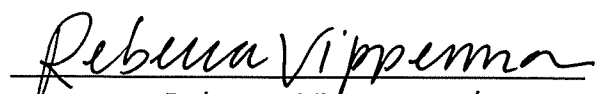
Dairy Days planning is going well. Council will need to revise the Special Event permit to include the Dairy Days Parade, as that had been previously excluded from the permit.

Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for health will be partnering with Leap Housing to do a housing study in Wendell.

Adjourn

Councilmember Juan Gonzales made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. **Councilmember Don Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Attest: Maria Sanchez / Deputy Clerk


Rebecca Vipperman / Mayor