

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2026

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; Councilman Juan Gonzales; and Councilman Donald Dunn. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present. Councilwoman McRoberts was not present. She emailed the mayor and clerk in advance of her absence.

AMENDED AGENDA

Councilman Dunn made a motion to accept the Amended Agenda for June 18, 2026, adding unfinished business item discussion item B. Consideration of Simplot Annexation Agreement. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Gonzales- Aye; and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the June 4, 2026, regular council meeting minutes, as amended. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Gonzales- Aye; and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to approve the June 16, 2026, special council meeting minutes, as amended. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Gonzales- Aye; and Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$51,393.47. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-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 Award Chip Seal Contract

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. She stated that the city had received a total of 3 bids; 2 were sealed and one was submitted via email. She further stated that she recommends Winn & Company for the contract, citing that they have done great work on chip seal for the city before and their bid is also the lowest. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a

motion to accept the bid from Winn & Company in the amount of \$199,500.00 contingent on **City Attorney Tim Stover's** review. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye**; **Councilman Gonzales- Aye**; and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Truck Parking on East Main Street-Jeff Houck

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. She stated that Jeff Houck was unable to attend as planned. Tabled.

Consideration of Special Event Application-ETS-Movie in the Park

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. **City Clerk Karri French** stated that ETS is still waiting for the certificate of liability insurance. They had not received it in time for tonight's meeting. Tabled.

Consideration of City Center Design Proposal

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item and stated that following receipt of the Idaho Community Development Block Grant through the Idaho Department of Commerce, she received the engineering plans, which depict a rectangular parking lot layout. She expressed interest in a multi-use design for the area and noted she contacted Olivia Purdy to develop a conceptual proposal based on her prior work on Hub City Park. **Mayor Vipperman** clarified that the concept is preliminary and separate from the engineering scope funded by the Block Grant. **Councilman Gonzales** stated that portions of the proposal appeared redundant with engineering work. Council expressed a desire to see a revised proposal. Tabled.

Consideration of FY26-27 ICRMP Renewal Estimate

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. **City Clerk Karri French** presented the FY26-27 ICRMP estimate for the council's approval. **Councilwoman Marshall** noted that the estimate is only a slight increase over last year's estimate. After a brief discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to approve the ICRMP FY26-27 estimate in the amount of \$39,309.00. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye**; **Councilman Gonzales- Aye**; and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Bids for Blinds in New Library

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. She stated that she had received a bid for the blinds in the new library location from Budget Blinds. **City Attorney Tim Stover** stated that he is familiar with the company, and he has a positive opinion regarding the work they have done. After a brief discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to approve the bid from Budget Blinds of Central Idaho in the amount of \$7,433.00. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye**; **Councilman Gonzales- Aye**; and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Schedule Budget Workshop

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. The council looked at the calendar and scheduled the next budget workshop for July 23, 2026.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law on Motion to Reconsider ETS Special Use Permit

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. **Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. City Attorney Tim Stover** stated that Gooding County requested mediation regarding the recently denied ETS Special Use Application. He explained that pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-6510, the council must determine whether to participate in mediation and designate the mayor as the city's representative for the mediation. He further stated that if mediation results in proposed changes to the application, the city would be required to hold a new public hearing. If the council elects to proceed with mediation, consideration of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law on Motion to Reconsider ETS Special Use Permit would be deferred until after the mediation process. Mediation would be scheduled for a future meeting. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to proceed with mediation per Idaho Code § 67-6510. Councilman Gonzales seconded the motion. **Roll call vote taken; Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Dunn- Aye; motion passed.**

Consideration of Simplot Annexation Agreement

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. **City Attorney Tim Stover** stated that this is the updated version after his discussion with Simplot's attorney. There were some minor changes including to one fire hydrant placement. He stated that, after reviewing it with the changes, he is satisfied with the agreement. After discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to approve the annexation agreement contingent on approval from Fire Chief Bob Bailey on the change to fire hydrant placement. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilman Gonzales- Aye; and Councilman Dunn- Aye; motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chance Requa, the representative nominee for District 24B, introduced himself to the mayor, council and attendees. He stated that he wants to represent Wendell and all cities in his district and represent them well. He feels the best way to accomplish this is by meeting each city's leadership in person and giving them the ability to contact him personally should they need to discuss anything with him. The mayor and council thanked him for visiting the city and stated they looked forward to talking to him again.

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall stated that she recently took her grandkids to Hub City Park and it was nice even with the wind. The splash pad was fun too. Overall, it was great. On a side note, she asked if more benches should be added so there are more places to sit.

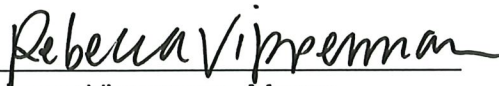
MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman stated that she and the Dairy Days Committee had been busy planning Dairy Days for several months. She expressed her appreciation for the many volunteers who contributed to the event's success, comparing the coordination of the event to the inner workings of a clock and noting it was exciting to see everyone and everything come together for the community. She thanked the City Council for its continued support in building

community through projects and events, including the Christmas tree at Flag Plaza, tree planting throughout the city, and Trunk or Treat. She also expressed appreciation to the city's volunteer firefighters, including those who also serve in Public Works, and **Fire Chief Bob Bailey** for their hard work responding to the previous day's fire and returning to work the following day.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:36 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

Attest:



Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer