

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 21, 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.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to approve the May 7, 2026, regular council meeting minutes, as presented. Councilman Dunn seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, 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 \$40,040.83. 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 Appeal-Gooding County for ETS Special Use Application

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. Gooding County Prosecuting Attorney Trevor Misseldine was present on behalf of ETS Management LLC (contracted by the county) and Gooding County. Mr. Misseldine stated that he did not find the Findings of Fact prepared by Attorney Shayne Nope demonstrated adequate language showing cause for the city's denial of the application. He explained that he did not receive the Findings of Fact within 10 days of the decision and, therefore, prepared the appeal document without it to ensure it was submitted within the 14-day appeal deadline. Mr. Misseldine further stated that the Findings of Fact noted the Special Use Application did not provide options addressing visibility, such as stealth design or a monopole structure. He also stated that he did not see Wendell City Code 5-17-6 referenced within the Findings of Fact. He advised that Gooding County had been in contact with the owner of an older tower in poor condition within the city and that the proposed 100-foot lattice tower could potentially house equipment currently located on that tower. Relocating the proposed tower site would increase costs and could involve placement within a residential zone, which, while not prohibited under Wendell City Code, is discouraged. Mr. Misseldine stated that the current location is ideal due to existing infrastructure and would provide expanded access, employment opportunities, and growth through infrastructure investment. Attorney Tim Stover reminded the council that any questions arising from the

appeal remarks could only be addressed through a vote to reconsider the council's original decision, followed by scheduling another public hearing regarding ETS Management's Special Use Application. After a brief discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to reconsider the Special Use Application submitted by ETS Management. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Nay**, **Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Nay**; motion failed.

Consideration of TD&H Services Agreement

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. Tabled for review by **City Attorney Tim Stover** and TD&H Services.

Consideration of Special Event Application-Dairy Days with Parade

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. She stated that the council previously approved the Special Event application without the parade. At a separate meeting, the city had agreed to host the parade. Now the Dairy Days committee has secured Liability Insurance for the parade and, if approved, the city would no longer need to host it. She asked the council to consider approving the addition of the parade to the original application. After a brief discussion, **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to approve the addition of the parade to the original Special Event application submitted by the Dairy Days Committee. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye**, **Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Sign and Cow Placement-Dairy Days

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. She stated that the Dairy Days Committee would like permission to post two 3'x5' banners and two inflatable cows. She stated they would like to place one banner and a 6' inflatable cow at City Hall and the second banner and a 10' inflatable cow at Flag Plaza. She asked the council to approve the proposed placement at City Hall. After a brief discussion, **Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to approve the placement of one 3'x5' banner and a 6' inflatable cow on the City Hall property. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye**, **Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

Consideration of Special Event Application-Birthday Party with Bounce House

The application was withdrawn before the meeting. No motion was made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Simplot Annexation Agreement

Mayor Vipperman introduced the item. **City Attorney Tim Stover** stated that he is waiting for a reply from Simplot regarding the agreement. No motion was made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL

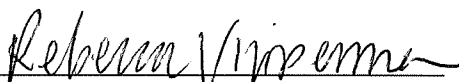
Councilwoman Marshall announced that the North Canyon Annual Health Fair in Gooding would be held on May 30th at North Canyon Medical Center.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman stated that the kindergarteners visited recently, helped plant a tree and were each given a small golden key as a souvenir. She stated that a tree would be planted soon to replace the one lost at City Hall during the recent windstorm. She thanked Public Works and Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis for doing a great job cleaning up the fallen tree. She announced that the Mobile Mammogram would be visiting Wendell again soon. She also announced that banquet tickets had been purchased for herself and several councilmembers attending the AIC annual awards banquet to accept an award for the new library. She stated that she met with the Housing Study group last week and will meet weekly. They will assess Wendell's needs and assist with planning and zoning.

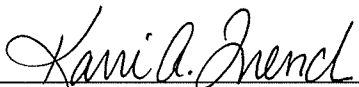
Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:18 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

Attest:



Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer