

City of Wendell
Special Council Meeting Minutes
June 25, 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 and Councilwoman Carolyn McRoberts; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman Donald Dunn.

AMENDED AGENDA

Councilman Dunn made a motion to accept the Amended Agenda for June 25, 2026, adding new business item discussion item B. Consideration of Closing City Offices 7/2/26 and/or 7/6/26 in Observance of America's 250th Anniversary. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye; Councilwoman McRoberts- Aye; Councilman Gonzales- Aye; and Councilman Dunn- Aye;** motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Budget Workshop

The council discussed the upcoming budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027. **Fire Chief Bob Bailey** and **Library Board President LeeAnn Gonzales** attended to discuss the budget. Estimated revenue, the reduction in funding for streets, and utility billing rates were discussed. Upcoming grants were discussed including a grant that the city will receive before the end of the current fiscal year. This will create the need to amend the current budget. The council also discussed the Fire department's requested budget and the Public Works department's needs for the next fiscal year. **Library Board President LeeAnn Gonzales** stated that a board member would visit the clerk's office for additional information needed for the library's budget. No motion needed. The next budget workshop is scheduled for July 23, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Consideration of Closing City Offices 7/2/26 and/or 7/6/26 in Observance of America's 250th Anniversary

Mayor Vipperman introduced the topic. Starting at the Federal level, many states, counties and cities are also giving their employees additional time off in honor of the 250th anniversary of our country. She also reminded the council that the next regular council meeting is scheduled for 7/2/26. If staff are given both additional days, it will need to be rescheduled. After a brief discussion **Councilwoman McRoberts** made a motion to close Wendell City Hall on July 6, 2026, in honor of America's 250th anniversary. **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 Comment

Library Board President LeeAnn Gonzales updated the council on the library's relocation. She stated that an open house is planned for July 7, 2026, and will officially reopen

on July 8, 2026. She expressed thanks to the mayor and council for their support and help. **Councilman Dunn** asked when the blinds would be installed in the new library location. **Mayor Vipperman** stated that they have been ordered and should arrive in a few weeks.

COUNCIL

Councilwoman McRoberts asked **Mayor Vipperman** how Dairy Days went. **Mayor Vipperman** stated that it went very well and was well attended. Approximately 2,400 people showed up for the parade and the event itself had similar attendance.

Councilwoman Marshall and **Fire Chief Bob Bailey** stated that comments on the city's Facebook page were all good except for one person who had negative comments. **Mayor Vipperman** acknowledged the comments and was pleased with them overall, stating that one negative comment did not affect the success or people's enjoyment of the event. She also stated that the committee will gather data from this year's event to help plan for Dairy Days next year.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:37 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion.



Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor



Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer