

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 7th, 2022

Mayor Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 7:17 PM. Council members present **BJ Marshall, Shaun Spencer, John Gnesa and (conference call) Juan Gonzales. City Attorney Tim Stover** was also present.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the March 10, 2022, emergency special council meeting minutes as presented. **Councilman Gnesa** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the March 17, 2022, irrigation public hearing minutes as corrected. **Councilwoman Marshall** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to approve the March 17, 2022, regular city council meeting minutes as corrected. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

BILLS

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to approve the bills, including two invoices for Farmer's Bank and Valley Co-op, in the amount of \$52,149.72. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Child Abuse Prevention Declaration

Mayor Vipperman explained that the proclamation was to establish April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, it would need to be read into record and then she would need to sign it. **Councilwoman Marshall** made a motion to approve **Mayor Vipperman** reading the Child Abuse Proclamation into record.

Councilman Spencer seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Mayor Vipperman read the proclamation into record and signed it, establishing April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Consideration of NLC Service Line Warranty Program

Tabled to a future meeting pending attorney review of the marketing agreement.

J-U-B – Interim Treatment Options for Valley Beef

Chief Bailey presented an evaluation as he, J-U-B and Valley Beef have worked together to find solutions to the matter of accepting Valley Beef's wastewater in the interim of Valley Beef's new treatment system being installed and becoming operational. After discussing the progress of the system, the lagoons, and the information available, a decision was made. **Councilman Spencer** made the motion to begin accepting Valley Beef's wastewater at an equalized, 24 hours, 100% flow contingent on the condition of the lagoons and contingent on an interim working agreement between Valley Beef and the City of Wendell by the May 5th, 2022, city council meeting. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Questions Regarding Items/Ideas for the City of Wendell Capital Improvement Plan

Public Works Director, Timothy Harris, presented a rough draft Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that the City's old plan needs updating especially with more grant opportunities available. **Mayor Vipperman** stated that it was a good plan and that this will need a special meeting in the future to work on it. **Councilwoman Marshall** stated that the rough draft was a great start. No motion needed.

County Grant Discussion

Councilman Spencer stated that an ARPA grant opportunity is available. The city needs ideas to present for use of the grant money. Pedestrian safety and sidewalks connecting the town were at the top of the list. **Councilman Spencer** stated that he will move forward with the process and update the Council at a future meeting. No motion needed.

Downtown Flag Plaza

Councilman Spencer stated that he and the School District have a plan to turn the corner into a community area. The School District is paying for a designer.

The Council expressed interest in looking into cost sharing for the project. No motion needed.

Blue Cross Foundation Grant

Councilman Spencer announced that Blue Cross of Idaho awarded the City of Wendell a grant for up to \$85,000 for a new city park in the Ambrose area. Wendell is one of only 3 Idaho communities to be awarded the grant. No motion needed.

Water Meter Pricing

The City Clerk/Treasurer brought the rising cost of water meters to the council's attention and the need to update the city's pricing. A resolution will be required to update the prices. No motion needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (action items)

John Howsden-Vacate alley- Findings of Fact

The Findings of Fact have been presented to the council. **Councilman Spencer** made a motion to approve the "Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision". **Councilwoman Marshall** seconded. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Cruizin The Canyon- Annual Car Show in the City Park

Tabled until completed Special Events application is received.

Downtown Renewal Project

UPDATE: Councilman Spencer stated that the grant could help to get our citizens involved in the Downtown Renewal project. He also stated that the color palette of classic colors he brought is meant to provide consistency and be complimentary while honoring downtown Wendell as it was before the fire that destroyed a portion of downtown.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council

Councilwoman Marshall announced that she, **Councilman Gonzales**, and the Clerk would be attending an AIC (Association of Idaho Cities) Spring meeting in Burley on April 14th, 2022.

Councilman Spencer stated that the swings are up, and kids are already enjoying them. He also stated that more swings would be going in.

Mayor

Mayor Vipperman stated that she and Public Works Director, Timothy Harris, had a meeting with the Public Works in Gooding and it went well. This could become a quarterly meeting with more cities if there is interest. **Mayor Vipperman** also thanked all staff of the City of Wendell for all their hard work.

Adjourn

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 9:12 PM.

Rebecca Vipperman/ Mayor

Attest: Karri French Clerk /Treasurer