

City of Wendell
April 11, 2022
Special Council Meeting

Mayor Vipperman called the special city council meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Council members present **BJ Marshall, John Gnesa and Juan Gonzales. Councilman Spencer** notified the council he would be arriving a few minutes late. He arrived at 6:05 PM.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Tony Ballestero- Rural Development Loan Decision

In approximately 2007, the sewer bond was obtained. Approximately 10 years ago, the sewer lines were inspected via camera and categorized. Priority A and B are complete. The city can complete the Priority C sewer lines, or we can close the loan. So far, the city has used \$1.8 million and there is still about \$1.2 million left that we could draw on. After discussion of the advantages/disadvantages, the decision was made to close the loan. **Councilman Gnesa** made the motion to close the USDA loan used for the sewer project. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Public Comment

None

Council Executive Session- Idaho Code Title 74-206 (B)

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to go into executive session- Idaho code Title 74- 206 (A) to discuss personnel at 6:17 PM. **Councilman Spencer** 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 come out of executive session- Idaho Code Title 74 206 (A) at 7:24 PM. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye and Councilman Gnesa- Aye**; motion passed.

Discussion/Action Item- Decision Regarding Personnel Matter

Regarding the personnel matters discussed, **Councilwoman Marshall** stated that these were agreed upon:

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to raise the hourly wage of the current Deputy Clerk to \$18.50/ hour retroactively effective April 7th, 2022. **Councilman Spencer** 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 raise the annual salary of the current Clerk/Treasurer to \$43,680/ year retroactively effective April 7th, 2022. **Councilman Spencer** 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 change the current Public Works Director's hourly wage to an annual salary and that annual salary will be \$65,000/ year retroactively effective April 7th, 2022. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Gnesa- Nay**; motion passed.

Council

Councilman Spencer stated that the council recognizes that all city employees' wages need evaluation in the current economy we live in. The budget will be coming up and all employees will be reviewed.

Mayor

None

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. **Councilwoman Marshall** seconded the motion.

Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer