

City of Wendell
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2024

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:31 PM. Council members present were Council President BJ Marshall; Councilman Shaun Spencer; Councilman Juan Gonzales and Councilman Donald Dunn. City Attorney Tim Stover was also present.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the December 21, 2023, regular council meeting minutes, as amended. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer- 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 \$9,417.23. **Councilman Spencer** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Swear in Councilwoman BJ Marshall

Mayor Vipperman swore in BJ Marshall, elected in the November General City election, as Councilwoman.

Swear in Councilman Juan Gonzales

Mayor Vipperman swore in Juan Gonzales, elected in the November General City election, as Councilman.

Appoint Council President

Mayor Vipperman recommended that **Councilwoman Marshall** continue as the Council President. After a brief discussion, **Councilman Dunn** made a motion to appoint

Councilwoman Marshall as the City Council President. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall-Abstained, Councilman Spencer-Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)

Consideration of Updating Personnel Policy- Bereavement

City Attorney Tim Stover and City Clerk/Treasurer Karri French made suggestions to the council regarding wording of the current bereavement policy at the last meeting, **Mayor Vipperman** suggested the council consider adding the word “domestic partner” after “spouse” and adding “or such other individual or extended family member with whom the employee has a close personal relationship” after “in-laws” to the Bereavement Leave policy found in the City of Wendell Personnel Policy. After a brief discussion, **Councilman Spencer** made a motion to adopt the additional language, adding the word “domestic partner” after “spouse” and adding “or such other individual or extended family member with whom the employee has a close personal relationship” after “in-laws” to the current Bereavement Leave policy contained in the City of Wendell Personnel Policy. **Councilman Gonzales** seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken; **Councilwoman Marshall- Aye, Councilman Spencer- Aye, Councilman Gonzales- Aye** and **Councilman Dunn- Aye**; motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marshall stated that she is happy to serve the citizens of Wendell for another 4 years.

MAYOR

Mayor Vipperman thanked **Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis and City Clerk/Treasurer Karri French** for all of their hard work in the Clerk’s Office. She announced that the Clerk’s Office has just hired **Madalyn Hosack** as a part-time administrative assistant after **Administrative Assistant Lyndsi DaSilva** requested reduced hours. **Mayor Vipperman** showed the council a coffee mug she had made as an example of what the Mayor’s Good Neighbor Awards will look like. She also announced that **Business Licenses and Dog Licenses** are both due this month.

Adjourn

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 6:47 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor


Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer