

**City of Wendell**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**December 21, 2023**

Mayor Rebecca Vipperman called the regular meeting of the Wendell City Council to order at 6:32 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**

Councilwoman Marshall made a motion to approve the December 7, 2023, regular council meeting minutes, as presented. Councilman Spencer 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 \$14,768.77. Councilman Dunn 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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

(Public Works/Clerk-Treasurer/Fire/Police/Library/Ordinance)

**NEW BUSINESS (discussion/action items)**

**New Library Construction**

Wendell Library Board President LeeAnn Gonzales was present to present new information on a proposed renovation of the Wendell City Library in the old Ag shop building. She presented a plan showing proposed phases that would give the city and the library board time to plan funding of the proposed renovation. She stated that engineered plans are the next step so that the board can get an estimated cost analysis. This will be brought back to council when the engineered plans and cost analysis are completed. The council thanked the Library Board for being present and stated that they look forward to working with them on this project.

### **Consideration of Updating Personnel Policy- Bereavement**

**Mayor Vipperman** stated that the current wording of the bereavement policy in City of Wendell's Personnel Policy created challenges in granting an employee bereavement recently. She stated that she had spoken with ICRMP and had conversations with **City Clerk/Treasurer Karri French** and **Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis** regarding proposed changes to the policy. **City Attorney Tim Stover** gave suggestions to the council stating that the wording of these kinds of policies was important. This will be brought back before the council.

### **GCSO NOVA Program**

**Gooding County Sheriff's Officers Green and Walter** explained the NOVA program that is being taught at the Wendell high school and will start at the Wendell middle school after the winter break.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (discussion/action items)**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **COUNCIL**

**Councilwoman Marshall** thanked the members of the Library Board for attending stating how great it was to have them all at the meeting. She announced that **Matt Bunn** and **Christy Gardner** are both retiring from Farmers Bank here in Wendell and there will be an open house for everyone on 12/22.

**Councilman Spencer** stated that he would give anyone present a walkthrough of the old AG shop to help envision the proposed renovations for the Library.

**Councilman Gonzales** wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Councilman Dunn** thanked **City Clerk/Treasurer Karri French** and **Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis** for all their hard work in the Clerk's Office.

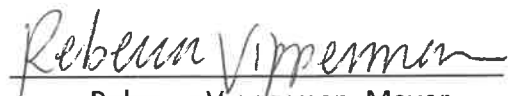
### **MAYOR**

**Mayor Vipperman** stated that **Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Lewis** and **Administrative Assistant Lyndsi DaSilva** have been a huge help to **City Clerk/Treasurer Karri French** in recent weeks. She also reminded the council, the department heads, and **City Attorney Tim Stover** to get their Christmas hams out of the refrigerator before leaving.

### **Adjourn**

**Councilman Gonzales** made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Wendell City Council at 7:38 PM. **Councilman Dunn** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

  
Karri French, City Clerk/Treasurer

  
Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor