

MINUTES-December 18, 2023
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS-
1111 AVE E, WISNER, NEBRASKA 68791

The City Council of the City of Wisner, Nebraska met in regular session in the Council Chambers at the City offices in Wisner, Nebraska, on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of December 14, 2023, a copy of proof of publication is attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was posted in three public places which are the Wisner Post Office, Wisner Public Library, and the Wisner City Office. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were mailed or emailed to the mayor and all members of the City Council. A true copy of their signed acknowledgement of the receipt of the advance notice of this meeting and the agenda is filed in the office of the City Clerk/Treasurer. An agenda for the meeting was kept continuously current, and was available for public inspection at the City Offices three days before the meeting date. Agenda subjects were contained at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Mayor Soden presided and the City Clerk/Treasurer recorded the proceedings of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the general public.

Mayor Soden called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the posted Open Meeting Act, pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Mayor Soden also announced that this meeting is being recorded.

Present on the roll call: Cathy Gobar, Barry Meyer, Jay Meyer, and Mayor Soden. Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer, and Sammye Nyman, Wisner Care Center Administrator.

Absent on the roll call: LJ Parker.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2023 REGULAR MEETING, & CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD NOVEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Barry to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Barry questioned a couple of the payables that were listed in the minutes from the Care Center and the City. Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer explained that the reports pick up the first listing on the payable and puts that in the listing. There are multiple lines for payment and if there is a question anyone can stop in or call to inquire what was paid to that vendor. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – WISNER HOUSING AUTHORITY – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT – TODD LEISY. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the recommendation given by Mayor Soden to appoint Todd Leisy to the Wisner Housing Authority Board. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WISNER POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Councilman Barry asked what was in the sinking fund for the Police Department. Stephanie James, Clerk/Treasurer explained that \$45,000.00 was budgeted for a police car for this fiscal year and that we have not put any monies into a sinking fund for the police in a long time.

Moved by Barry and seconded by Jay to approve the Dinklage Grant Application submitted by the Wisner Police Department and to forward the application onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – AUTHORIZE NEXT REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 DUE TO NEW YEAR’S DAY HOLIDAY. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Jay to have the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 due to the New Year’s Day Holiday. Roll call: Barry, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, made available the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council. Councilman Barry stated the semis through town need to slow down and need to find a way to get them to slow down.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has two building permits at this time. The first one is for a 30 x 60 garage along the old Cemetery Road submitted by Ken Knust and the last one is at 811 10 Street to demolish the house there submitted by LaVonne Johnson.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent stated that the soil sampling should be done sometime this week and not sure how long it will take to get the results back but should be within a week. The city guys will also be trenching in electrical for some more camper pad spots. Mr. Woldt also reported that as of last Friday there are ten more residential spots that signed purchase agreements. There is also a public hearing this Thursday for the four-lane at the high school. Mr. Woldt asked if the city should bring up at the public hearing to see if the state would consider straightening 18th Street while they have the highway torn up for the four-lane.
- B. Councilman Barry stated that he has visited with Al Vacanti regarding the roof over the slab of concrete by the rodeo arena. They would like to get that done before June because they can not get a tent because of the college world series at that same time. The Livestock Show Committee is going to look into getting a bid to see what the cost would be to put a roof up.
- C. Councilman Jay wanted to know how Mr. Woldt came out on the bidding of the sand truck. Mr. Woldt stated that he did not win the bid that it went over the amount he was willing to purchase the truck for. Mr. Woldt said that he has heard that the international motors are not very good. Councilman Jay said he knows of a truck in Kansas for sale but it is a two-wheel drive. Mr. Woldt is keeping his eyes open for another one to purchase.
- D. The students that are in attendance at tonight’s meeting introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:13 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Jay that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on January 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer