

MINUTES-January 16, 2024
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 Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of January 11, 2024, 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, LJ Parker, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2024 REGULAR MEETING, & CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD DECEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Parker and seconded by Gobar to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1 – CLOSURE OF STATE HIGHWAY FOR SPECIAL EVENT – MARCH 16TH – ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION. Mayor Soden introduced Resolution No. 2024-1 entitled: **Whereas**, the Wisner Chamber of Commerce, St. Pat’s Day Committee, will be hosting the Annual St. Pat’s Day Parade on Saturday, March 16, 2024; **Whereas**, Wisner Chamber of Commerce has requested that Avenue E be closed from 7th Street to 18th Street, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.; **Whereas**, Avenue E is also Highway 275; **Whereas**, closure of a State Highway for a special event requires notification to the Nebraska Department of Roads and the City’s agreement to indemnify the State. Mayor Soden then asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-1. Moved by Barry and seconded by Jay to approve Resolution No. 2024-1. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Mayor Soden declared Resolution No. 2024-1 adopted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – STREET SIGNS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REMOVE “NO PARKING” ON THE 900 BLOCK OF 14TH STREET. Mayor Soden stated that the no parking signs were put up there while the elementary school was still in session so that

busses could easily maneuver through the street. Since the elementary is connected to the high school, busses do not use 14th Street. Mayor Soden asked if this also includes the no parking to corner signs that are also on the street. Mr. Woldt said that it would include those signs as well. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the removal of the “No Parking” signs on the 900 block of 14th Street. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – WISNER CARE CENTER – AUTHORIZE OPERATING LOAN AND SET INTEREST & TERM. Councilman Barry said regarding the term of the loan, the Wisner Care Center is expecting to receive some ARPA money and that when that is received the loans will be paid off. It is not known for sure when the monies will be received. The Care Center is also supposed to receive monies from the IRS and those funds are unknown as well when they will be received. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve \$150,000.00 operating loan to the Wisner Care Center for ten years with an interest rate of 3%. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time.

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

- A. Councilman Parker stated that it is time to be looking for pool lifeguards and pool manager. Mrs. James stated that she can put an ad in the Wisner News Chronicle, on Facebook, and ask the school if they would put this in the announcements. Dusty with the Wisner News Chronicle stated to check with the office that they maybe running some deals with ads if you run it in the Wisner and West Point papers. Councilwoman Gobar stated that the West Point’s new pool should be open this year.
- B. Councilman Gobar wanted to thank the city and fire crews. They are very much appreciated. Ms. Gobar also stated that Wisner is very lucky to have a back up plan for when the power goes out. Mayor Soden stated that there were some folks stranded at Wisner West and were very thankful that Wisner still was able to have power. Councilman Barry asked if the fire hall was open for stranded people. It was mentioned that it was not requested to open the fire hall this go around.
- C. Mr. Woldt said that the Planning Commission met today at 5:00 PM regarding a conditional use permit to build a dwelling in a commercial zone district in the Grandview Addition. The Planning Commission Board approved the conditional use permit. Mr. Woldt stated that one of the board member’s concerns was if that conditional use permit follows the deed in the instance the lot is sold and that the next person knows that the lot is in a commercial zoned district. Mr. Woldt stated that he will check with the attorney and will have an answer from him before the final decision is made by the council at their next regular meeting on February 5th. Councilwoman Gobar asked if WCD knew that they wanted to build a house on the lot. Mr. Woldt stated that WCD knew and that building a house on a commercial lot is allowed as long as they have a conditional use permit. Mrs. James said that Ms. Heller and Mr. Buhrman are fine with what could happen having a house in a

commercial zoned lot. Councilman Parker stated that Mr. Buhrman is building a shop for his semi as well. Mr. Woldt said that they are still working on moving snow and some of the equipment needs some maintenance. Mr. Woldt stated that the new sanding truck works great but blew a hydraulic hose for the dump part of the box. Mr. Woldt said that they will get that fixed when time permits. Loader is working fine and will be going around soon with the blower to widen out the streets. After that the loader will need to go in for some repairs but will be sent back with a rental. The snowblower will not be able to hook up to the rental loader.

- D. Mrs. James stated that a schedule was included in your packets for the Midwinter Conference in Lincoln. This is a good conference to attend for elected officials and to let her know if you would like to go so that a room and the conference can be registered for. The conference is February 26th and 27th.
- E. Councilman Barry stated that he and Councilman Parker met with the rural board regarding children riding on fire and ambulance or any city vehicle and that our insurance really does not want this to happen. This will also include the kids riding in the dump trucks to the park for the Easter egg hunt. If a child would happen to fall out it would be catastrophic.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:16 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Parker that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on February 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer