

**MINUTES-April 15, 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 Monday, April 15, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of April 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 and Stephanie James, City Clerk/ Treasurer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2024 REGULAR MEETING, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT, AND WISNER FIRE & RESCUE DEPT. – APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO FIRE – ANGIE KILCOIN. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Parker to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – 7:02 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSE – WISNER WEST INC., d/b/a WISNER WEST PRIME STOP – 1801 AVENUE E. Mayor Soden opened the public hearing at 7:02 PM and at this time Mayor Soden opened up the floor to the council and the general public. After all comments from the public and council were received, Mayor Soden closed the public hearing at 7:02 PM. Moved by Barry and seconded by Jay to recommend approval of the Class “D” Liquor License to Wisner West, Inc., d/b/a Wisner West Prime Stop at 1801 Avenue E. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1183 – ESTABLISH HOURLY WAGE SCALE FOR CITY POOL EMPLOYEES. Councilman Parker introduced Ordinance No. 2024-1183, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH AN HOURLY PAY SCHEDULE FOR EMPLOYEES AT THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL; PROVISION FOR COMPENSATION FOR ATTAINING WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION; PROVISION FOR ATTAINING POOL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION;

REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE, moved by Councilman Barry that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Parker second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The motion to suspend the rule was adopted by the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance. Ordinance No 2024-1183 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2024-1183 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilwoman Gobar moved for final passage and Councilman Barry second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2024-1183 adopted and in the presence of the Council signed and approved the Ordinance. The Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. A true, correct, and complete copy of said ordinance is as follows: Copy attached hereto becomes part of these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – WISNER SPLASH PAD – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS AND SET BID DATE FOR MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the advertising of bids and to set the bid date to May 23, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – AUTHORIZE CLERK/TREASURER TO RENEW CD #2209 ARPA FUNDS. Moved by Barry and seconded by Parker to approve CD #2209 ARPA Funds to stay at Midwest Bank for six months at a rate of 5.11%. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – WISNER CARE CENTER – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BORROWING FUNDS TO PURCHASE TRANSPORTATION VAN UNTIL THE GRANT FUNDS ARE RECEIVED. The Wisner Care Center has been approved for a grant to pay for the van but the van must be purchased and licenses and registered first before the grant funds will be awarded. Sammye Nyman, Care Center Administrator stated that once that is done and they send the proof of license and registration in they will receive the funding. The purchase price on the van is \$49,822.00. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the Wisner Care Center borrowing the \$49,822.00 to purchase the 2019 Dodge Caravan until they get the grant monies. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FLY BY NIGHT FIREWORKS – TO APPROVE SALE OF FIREWORKS IN CITY LIMITS. Moved by Barry and seconded by Parker to approve the sale of fireworks in the city limits by Fly By Night Fireworks. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police did not have the police report available at tonight's meeting due to his daughter's wedding over the weekend and will have a two-month report at next month's meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has two building permits at this time. The first one is at 613 14 St. to add a deck to the house. This application went to the Board of Adjustments first due to it encroaching closer than five feet to the property line. The Board of Adjustments met at 5:00 PM and approved the variance. The last one is at 612 13 St. to install a yard fence.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Councilman Parker stated that he has received a few complaints of messy yards in town. With the free dump day coming up, Councilman Parker felt that nothing should be done until after that week is over to give everyone a chance to take advantage of that opportunity.
- B. Councilwoman Gobar is very concerned with the traffic on main street. She stated that she was almost hit on main street by a semi that went through the red light at the pedestrian cross walk. Councilwoman Gobar stated that she also was almost hit by two cars as she was crossing the street and was stuck between them. Councilwoman Gobar said that she does know what needs to happen before something gets done. Councilman Barry stated that he has brought this up before and has talked to the police chief why the lights are not going on on the cop cars. Councilman Barry said that the lights need to get turned on on the cop car and stop people. He is fed up with this and the people in this town have had it. Our cops need to stop people on this main street or we are going to have hell to pay. I don't care if you like the cops or don't like the cops, they have to do their job. This is the last point I will say before I hit the fan stated Councilman Barry. Councilman Barry stated that Mayor Soden is in charge of the cops and expects him to tell them to get some shit done. Councilwoman Gobar said that we have the light and push the button to go across the street and I am so afraid with the children going across the street especially when the splashpad becomes available that something desperately bad is going to happen and I don't know how to change it. Councilman Barry said that the council needs to change it and also the mayor. Councilman Barry said that the cops need to do their job. Discussion was held with the schedule and hours of the police department. Councilman Barry said that he doesn't care how often they patrol the neighborhoods, patrol this highway.
- C. Mr. Woldt said that he has some updates on grants that were submitted. The Dinklage Foundation awarded the city \$22,200.00 for playground equipment in the River Park and the Cuming County Visitors Bureau awarded \$10,000.00 for the pavilion, playground equipment, and picnic tables project. Mr. Woldt said that he has not heard back on the Lower Elkhorn NRD grant yet but the city may have to use \$10,000.00 from the general infrastructure. The estimate on the pavilion came under what they thought so there maybe some extra funding to cover the extra that maybe needed. Andrew Schweers with Big Red Construction has ordered some of the material needed to get started and should have a start date of May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- D. Ashley with the news paper had a few questions regarding the police survey article that will be in the paper soon.
- E. Mayor Soden had the students in attendance at tonight's meeting introduce themselves.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:19 PM moved by Barry and seconded by Parker that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on May 6, 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.

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Mayor

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City Clerk/Treasurer