

**MINUTES-June 17, 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, June 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of June 13, 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, Care Center Administrator.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2024 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD MAY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Barry and seconded by Jay to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Barry, Parker, Jay, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – WATER TREATMENT FACILITY – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE BID OPENING AND APPROVAL OF BID. Roger Protzman with JEO was in attendance at tonight's meeting to go over the bids with the council and mayor. Mr. Protzman said that there were five official bids received. There was a sixth bid but it was withdrawn. The bid range was pretty tight. The lowest bidder was Rutjens Construction from Tilden, NE. Mr. Protzman said that they have worked with Rutjens on numerous projects over the years. Mr. Protzman said that they would have no problem recommending them for this project. Mr. Protzman said that he has received an email from the state, they are working on finalizing the SRF loan for the project and wanted to know any other soft cost that the city would like to roll into the loan. The purchase of the property would not be able to be included in the loan. Councilman Barry asked if they have an approximate start date. Mr. Protzman said that there was no start date and he did ask them if they had a date and have not gotten back yet. Mr. Bodwell will be doing the dirt work and thought maybe he would be willing to start right away. Mr. Protzman said that another water test on the hill needs to be taken and that will take about sixty days at the lab to get the results back. The testing at the well has to do with the construction on the well house. Moved by Barry and seconded by Parker to approve the bid from Rutjens

Construction in the amount of \$5,467,679.00 contingent upon NDEE approval of the contract. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Jay, Barry, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – WISNER CARE CENTER – AUTHORIZE OPERATING LOAN AND SET INTEREST & TERM. Councilman Barry stated that the Care Center needed another \$150,000.00 to pay the bills. Moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar to approve the operating loan and set the term for ten years and the interest rate at 3%. Councilman Barry stated that the Care Center did receive a letter from the treasurer, that they are working on that grant and hope to hear back within sixty days. Hopefully that goes through and the Care Center can be at ease with money. Roll call: Ayes: Jay, Barry, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CIVIL DEFENSE SIREN ADDITION. Mr. Woldt stated that discussion was held a while back about Grandview being covered by the sirens. Mr. Woldt had a guy come out and take a look and according to his map, Grandview is on the outer edge and would recommend another siren. Mr. Woldt said that the guy's recommendation would be to put in at the intersection of Highway Fifty-One and Eighteenth Street. It does not mean that is where it has to go. Councilwoman Gobar asked if the one by her old house would stay. Mr. Woldt said that one will stay. Gobar does not understand why it doesn't go up on the hill by Ann Norgard's so it isn't so over lapped. Mr. Woldt thought that it has to do with the number of decibels the siren puts out. Councilman Parker asked what the cost difference would be to move that second one. Mr. Woldt said that he would have to have that checked into. Discussion was held if the one was moved to the top of the hill by Joan Schweer's house if that would be enough to cover the Grandview Addition. Council would like Mr. Woldt to check to see what the cost would be to move the siren on Avenue G between Fifteenth and Sixteenth Street to the top of the hill. Moved by Parker and seconded by Gobar to postpone this agenda item until more information is gathered on the cost of moving the existing siren to the top of the hill. 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. Councilwoman Gobar asked what civil calls are. Mayor Soden said that he would ask Chief Salmen what it meant.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one building permits at this time. The building permit is for Lot 40 in the Grandview Addition to build a shop and an office.

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

- A. Councilwoman asked Councilman Parker how the pool is going. Parker stated that everything is going well.
- B. Mr. Woldt went to a meeting today with the NDOT regarding the Four-Lane coming to town and having to deal with some utilities. The underground stuff maybe alright as long as they don't do a lot of back grading. One item that will have to be moved is the welcome sign coming into town. The city will have to figure out where to put it after the project is complete. Mr. Woldt since the winter storm a couple of February's ago, Mayor Dixon at that time asked Mr. Woldt to start looking for a generator that

would cover the whole town. Mr. Woldt has found one if council is interested. The generator is being held. This would replace the old one that is there now. The generator is a 2008 model and the two new ones we have are 2009 models. The generator has been sitting in storage and was never used. There are three of them that are being sold. They would test them each year. The generator has twenty-four hours on it. The cost of the generator is \$328,333.00 delivered. A brand new generator cost about \$1.2 million. Mr. Woldt said there would be another \$300,000.00 getting it installed and set up. Councilwoman Gobar stated that we are very fortunate to have the generators. Mr. Woldt explained with the winter storm our peak was at 4.4 megawatts and the peak that can be ran right now is 3.8 megawatts. Mr. Woldt said for another \$6,000 to \$10,000 we can add a two-year warranty. Councilwoman Gobar asked if we would get any money from the old generator that would be removed. Mr. Woldt said that there is no market for them. Mr. Woldt had the idea of moving the old generator to the Care Center. If the power lines go down in Wisner the generator will kick on and run the Care Center and would cover a little bit of the town if need be if the demand is not high. Some discussion was held on how to get the old one out in the new one in. Councilwoman said if it is not worth anything to anyone else that it is worth something to the city. Councilman Barry said that he is not sure how much time we've got, but it is something worth looking into. Mr. Woldt check with they guy that handles our bonds and we are able to add to the bond and to extend it five more years if we need to. The bond is set to expire in 2028 and could go to 2033. Councilman Barry said that this is not on the agenda and that this should be put on the next meetings agenda to have more discussion and a possible decision. Mr. Woldt said that he will talk to the guy that the city is very interested and will be put on the next agenda.

- C. Councilman Barry asked if the playground equipment and tables are ordered. Mr. Woldt said that everything is ordered. The tables are about four weeks out.
- D. Ashley with the news paper asked about the approval of the bid and the contingent part that Mr. Protzman said to included. Mrs. James said that she will email her when she listens to the recording on how to state it. Ashley asked how many sirens are in Wisner. There are two in the residential area and one behind city office.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:23 PM moved by Barry and seconded by Gobar that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on July 1, 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