

MINUTES-May 19, 2025
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS-
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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, May 19, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of May 15, 2025, 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. The mayor 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, Andrew Schweers, LJ Parker, and Mayor Terry Soden.

Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Stephanie James, City Clerk/ Treasurer, and Doug Salmen, Chief of Police.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2025 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD APRIL 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Parker to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – CITY OF WISNER AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 – ALMQUIST MALTZAHN GALLOWAY & LUTH, CPAS. Tracy Cannon presented the auditor's report for fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 via Zoom. Ms. Cannon started off by saying that the audit went very well and gave an unmodified opinion meaning the financial statements present fairly. Ms. Cannon highlighted several areas of the report, including governmental activities with capital assets, reduction of debt, combined statement of revenue and expenditures, adjustments made by auditors, and utility rates. The City is doing well with benchmark comparisons, and it has really good cash reserves in its general funds.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WISNER VOL. FIRE & RESCUE DEPT.'S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Councilman Meyer asked Wisner Fire Chief, Wade Eisenhower how many air packs there are right now. Mr. Eisenhower stated that there are nine at the fire hall. Mr.

Eisenhauer stated that most of the air packs are not interchangeable with other departments if mutual aid is needed and can not fill up on other department's systems. The new air packs have microphones in them so communication between the air packers and the chiefs outside of the fire is way better. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve the Dinklage Grant application submitted by the Wisner Vol. Fire & Rescue Department and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Meyer, Gobar. Abstain: Schweers. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police made available the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council. Chief Salmen stated that the city office received a phone call from a Wisner resident stating how much of an asset Officer Rhodus is to the police department. Chief Salmen also said that an email was received from a gentleman that was pulled over by Officer Lanagan from Osmond stating how polite, nice, and fair he was. Chief Salmen stated that the Highway Safety has a grant available for computers and PBT, so Chief Salmen will apply to get those items updated. There is a possibility that there will a city match on some of the items but not all of them.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Councilman Parker stated that AJ Burki reached out to him and asked about a little team football fundraiser they would like to do. They would like to spray paint team logos on the sidewalk in front of businesses that would want them. The paint would not be permanent. Mr. Woldt stated that if it becomes a problem with the state, a pressure washer could wash them off. Fire Chief Eisenhauer stated that they hosted the First Graders and said that they were going to eat lunch at the shelter in Central Park and there was some graffiti with some bad words and wondered if it was still there. Mr. Woldt stated he would check it out.
- B. The pool is filled and getting ready for the 2025 season. Pilger's pool has a pump that is broke so they asked if they could teach lifeguard training at our pool. The Splash Pad will be open at the same time as the pool opens.
- C. Mr. Woldt stated that the donor sign is here and will be installed this week for the new playground equipment and the pavilion project. Mr. Woldt said that Councilman Meyer asked him about tree branches stuck in trees down in the park, to rent a boom truck that can reach them will cost \$2,300.00 a day. Mr. Woldt said that he will check with Schmader's Electric in West Point to see if they have a boom truck that could reach them. Mr. Woldt reminded everyone of the Ribbon cutting at the splash pad on Friday at 1:30. Mr. Woldt said that they would have done some paving in Grandview but are on hold with the rain that was received. The moisture was great to have to help settle the dirt up there before they paved.
- D. Councilman Schweers asked what our ordinance is on weeds. Chief Salmen stated that warnings can't go out until the weeds/grass is at least a foot tall. Chief Salmen stated that the department has already reached out to some individuals when they are out driving around to inform them to see if they can get some taken care of before letters have to go out. Councilman Schweers asked how many streets in town are gravel. Some of K and I Avenue are gravel. The section of Avenue I has pieces of wire. To get it paved, 51% of the homeowners along the road need to

agree to paying for the paving. Mr. Woldt said that he will talk to some of the homeowners to see if they are interested in paving the road.

- E. Dusty with the news paper asked what the splash pad hours will be. Mr. Woldt stated it will come on at 10:00 AM and turn off at 9:00 PM. If a child pushes the button on any of the features, they will run for four minutes. The times can be adjusted if need be.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:28 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Parker that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on June 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer