

**MINUTES-June 16, 2025**  
**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 16, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of June 12, 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, LJ Parker, Barry Meyer, Andrew Schweers, and Mayor Terry Soden.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2025 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD MAY 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Gobar 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 – WISNER SPLASH PAD – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION. Councilman Meyer asked Mr. Woldt if the splash pad was completed. Mr. Woldt said that the splash pad is completed but the restroom part of the project is not. Mr. Woldt continued to say that the grant that was received from the Lower NRD, the restrooms have to be completed before we can receive the funds from NRD. Councilman Parker asked if we could approve this just for the splash pad. Mr. Woldt and Mrs. James told him he was correct. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Wisner Splash Pad. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WISNER LIONS CLUB'S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Councilman

Meyer stated that he turned this in for Jason Schweers. This grant is for new lights at the rodeo arena. You cannot get bulbs for the lights. These lights came from the school's football field when they got new lights twenty-five to thirty years ago. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve the Dinklage Grant application submitted by the Wisner Lions Club and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. 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. Councilwoman Gobar asked what needs to be done to get that property next to her cleaned up. Chief Salmen stated that he has talked to her a few times about the front and back yard. Chief Salmen stated the last time he talked to her that the city administrator and the city attorney will be involved. Councilwoman Gobar asked if the landlord could be involved. Chief Salmen stated that he will talk to the landlord.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one building permits at this time. It is for 1013 13 St. to build a garage.

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

- A. Councilman Parker said that he just wants to reiterate the pool again. There were only two or three lifeguards that could work. We have to have minimum of four lifeguards to have the pool open. Councilwoman Gobar asked if there is a way to let them have a day off during the week days so that the pool can be open on the weekends. Councilman Parker stated that had to do with softball tournaments and family trips. Mayor Soden was asked the same question and he told them that you have to have so many to run the pool. Mr. Woldt asked if we could get some help from Pilger or West Point. Councilman Parker stated that he would check into that.
- B. Mr. Woldt said that Schmader will be coming with his boom truck sometime to soon to start trimming some trees down in the park and that we are not able to rent it to do it ourselves. Schmader has to have their own operator running the truck. Mr. Woldt said that they have been working on the new generator engine in the back, getting it hooked back up. It is not ready yet but they are working on it between other contracted jobs. Mr. Woldt said that there maybe an issue with NPPD. Mr. Woldt explained that anytime you put in extra generation, they require you to put in a ground transformer that will go by the substation so that it does not back feed and blow arresters on NPPD's end. They may also want a fiber connection to be able to trip our generators out whenever they want to. Mr. Woldt said he does not like that idea. That is still be worked out.
- C. Mayor Soden said that he has had a lot of good comments regarding the splash pad and the parks. Mayor Soden also stated that he had good comments on the Care Center taking the residents on their fishing trip. People are pleased that they do that. Mayor Soden asked about the Wisner welcome sign on the west end of town. When does ours have to come out. Mr. Woldt said that Love Signs will be taking the sign out. It has to be out by the end of August. Love Sign will take it out and store it until we know what we can do with it. Councilman Meyer asked if they will be doing the widening of the street. Mr. Woldt said yes it will be done. Bids will go out by the end of August and work could start in September. The other end starts the spring of next

year after a lot of utilities are moved. The four-lane will be on the north side and then possibly by Ott's out it will change to the south side.

- D. Councilman Schweers asked if there was anything new on the restrooms down by the splash pad. Mr. Woldt says you see someone working down during the weekends and evenings. Councilman Schweers asked if it was an extensive project. Mr. Woldt said they pulled all the fixtures out, knocked the floor out, redid the plumbing to have one toilet in each one, repour the floor, and paint. There will be new doors as well. Councilman Schweers said that Greg Rasmussen will be getting that fountain for the kid's fishing pond.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:15 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Parker that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on July 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Clerk/Treasurer