

MINUTES-August 18, 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, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. 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, Doug Salmen, Chief of Police, and Cody Lanagan, Wisner Police Officer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2025 REGULAR MEETING, & CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD JULY 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 – AUTHORIZE NEXT REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Schweers to authorize the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 due to the Labor Day Holiday. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW ONE- & SIX-YEAR STREET PLAN; AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 AT 6:02 PM IN THE CITY OF WISNER COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1111 AVE E. Mayor Soden asked if everyone has had a chance to look over the One- & Six-Year Street Plan. Everyone has looked it over and has no additions or corrections. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to authorize a public hearing for September 2, 2025 at 6:02 PM in the City of Wisner Council Chambers at 1111 Avenue E. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – ELECTRIC & STREET DEPARTMENTS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE MOVING OF A HOUSE AT 512 12 ST. Mr. Woldt

explained that Jeremiah and Jackie Schantz bought Mrs. Myra Hansen's house and want to move it from the lot and go between the post office and Midwest Bank, then bring it onto the highway and head west. To make this happen everyone on the north side of the highway will be without power including the Wisner Care Center for at least two to three hours if everything goes smoothly. The city code states that a written okay is needed from Mr. Woldt for this to happen. Mr. Woldt would like the guidance from council since a lot of the town will be without power including the care center. Councilman Parker asked if there is a different route that could be taken so that the care center would not be without power. Mr. Woldt stated if they go east, the crosswalk light would have to come down, which would not be hard to do. There is really no other way to get the house off the lot due to the main power lines running up the east side of Twelfth Street in front of the house. There would be other power lines that would cut power off to the town if they would go east as well. Mayor Soden was wonder the weight of the house. Mr. Soden was wondering if the post office parking lot would be able to handle the weight. Mr. Woldt could estimate a high cost and if there is anything extra it could be returned. Councilman Schweers asked when they are planning to do this. Mr. Woldt stated they are looking into the end of September into October. Council agreed that this would be a good time to do this if it gets approved. The weather would be better by then for cooling and heating wise. Mr. Woldt asked if we should bring in a generator for the care center and have that be part of the cost for moving the house. The concern with the care center would be the residents that are on oxygen. Mr. Woldt is meeting with Schmader's Electric to see what the cost would be to drop the lines. Council feels it would be best to table this until more information is gathered. Moved by Parker and seconded by Gobar to table this agenda item until the next regular meeting so more information can be gathered. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – DISCUSSION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION. Meyer moves to go into closed session at 6:10 PM for the purpose of discussing possible litigation requiring the preservation of attorney/client privilege and which is clearly necessary for the protection of the public's interest. Parker seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Soden adjourned the closed session at 6:28 PM. Mayor Soden asked if there was any action. No action was taken at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – 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 it was a busy month. Councilwoman Gobar stated that she has had some complaints regarding tall yards. Chief Salmen stated they do see the tall yards but are worried with the heat and people getting over heated. Chief Salmen said that Thunder by the River went well.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one building permits at this time. It is for 713 11 St. to their gutters.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Councilwoman Gobar stated she has had a few people calling her regarding overgrown lawns.

- B. Mr. Woldt stated that generators are running due to shortage of power for the grid. They needed some help. Mr. Woldt is not sure how many other towns are helping generate power for the grid. The generators went online at 4:00 PM and will be shut down at 8:00 PM. Councilman Schweers asked if we get paid for this. The city does get a capacity fee each month and covers the fuel used.
- C. Mayor Soden had the high school student in attendance at tonight's meeting introduce himself. Axton Lantz then stood and introduced himself. Mayor Soden thanked him for attending.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:34 PM moved by Parker and seconded by Gobar that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on September 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer