

MINUTES-September 15, 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 September 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM. 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, and Doug Salmen, Chief of Police.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – 5:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING – SET FINAL TAX REQUEST. Mayor Soden opened the public hearing at 5:00 PM to set the final tax request for the City of Wisner at \$448,118.82. Mayor Soden invites questions or comments from the public and council at this time. With no other questions or comments from the public or council, Mayor Soden closed the public hearing at 5:06 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – 5:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING – CITY GENERAL & ENTERPRISE FUNDS BUDGET FY 2025-26. Mayor Soden opened the public hearing at 5:06 PM for the General and Enterprise funds budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. Mayor Soden invites questions or comments from the public and council at this time. With no questions or comments from the council or the public, Mayor Soden closed the public hearing at 5:10 PM.

At 5:10 PM, City Council Members paused until 6:00 PM for the regular council meeting.

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 Soden.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 REGULAR MEETING, & CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD AUGUST 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – 6:02 PM PUBLIC HEARING – CLASS “C” LIQUOR LICENSE – NIXERS DISTILLED SPIRITS, LLC, d/b/a CATTLE & CASK – 2201 M AVENUE. Mayor Soden opened the public hearing at 6:02 PM and opened the floor for questions and comments from the council and general public. Councilman Schweers asked when the opening date will be. Becky McGuire stated she is hoping it is soon. With no other questions or comments from the council or the general public, Mayor Soden closed the public hearing at 6:03 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – CLASS “C” LIQUOR LICENSE – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL/DENIAL OF NIXERS DISTILLED SPIRITS, LLC, d/b/a CATTLE & CASK’S CLASS “C” LIQUOR LICENSE. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve the Class “C” Liquor License to Nixers Distilled Spirits, LLC d/b/a Cattle & Cask. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZING OF BID LETTING FOR THE EAST HIGHWAY 275 SEWER LIFT STATION EQUIPMENT. Roger Protzman with JEO was in attendance at tonight’s meeting to discuss this agenda item with the council and mayor. Mr. Protzman is asking permission to go out for bids new pumps and control panel for the lift station east of the city that is being relocated due to the four-lane coming into town. This will be the first of three bid lettings for this project. This one is just for the equipment due to the long lead time. We want to get this ordered so items can get here. This part of the project is estimated to cost \$70,000.00 to \$100,000.00 range. Mr. Protzman has a draft that he will give the clerk so that there is something here to have on file. Mr. Protzman stated that he would like the advertisement for bids in next week’s paper and open bids prior to the October 20th regular council meeting. Mr. Protzman explained to the council how the project will work for all of the bid lettings. The lift station is across the road from Dawson Tire. Mr. Woldt stated that the state is looking at starting construction next spring. Councilwoman Gobar asked if the state is paying for this relocation. The state has agreed to pay for the relocation of the lift station and other utilities that have to be moved for the project. Councilman Schweers asked if we can reuse some of the equipment off of the existing lift station. Mr. Protzman explained with construction and sequencing it is going to be easier to start with new equipment. The pumps and controls can be saved for a back up if one is needed. Moved by Schweers and seconded by Parker to approve advertising for bids for the East Lift Station equipment with a bid opening date of October 16th at 2:00 PM. Roll call: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Protzman asked the council since he was present if they had any questions on the water treatment plant or Grandview. Mr. Protzman stated that a good part of the projection is completed on the water treatment plant. The people that are taking care of the electrical and mechanical are doing their part inside the building, waiting on the main RO equipment to come in which is expected in October, and there is a lot of piping to be finished yet. Mr. Protzman explained that the city did not have to go under the BABA rule where everything had to be made

in America but the city is under the American Iron and Steel Act, so any of the steel such as valves and piping and rebar which that was not a problem, have to be made in America. The biggest problem right now is getting American made valves has been difficult. Some valves have been switched out to a nylon material. A lot of the water mains have been worked through and in pretty good shape.

The Grandview Project Phase II is pretty much completed. Right now, they are working on some lot corners that were damaged during construction. This is the last thing that needs to be done on the project. The issue that was ran into is that the previous surveyor was with Olsson and has passed away and so technically he is the one that is supposed to reset the lots, but with him having passed away this is a challenge that has to be worked through. Mr. Protzman stated that they have a solution for this. Legally another plat has to be done because they will be reset by someone else other than the original person. Mr. Protzman told the council that they will be seeing another plat that will need to be approved later to show that someone else surveyed the lot corners. Councilman Schweers asked if Mr. Protzman knew when the street would be done up by the water treatment plant. Mr. Protzman said that they are working on it. A little bit of a redesign was done to the street. As Rutjens was putting in the storm sewer and Mr. Protzman was looking at the grades, he didn't like how they were setting so they redesigned it quick. The redesign was given to Bodwell's and they are having some issues getting it into their program. So, JEO and Bodwell's are working together to get the numbers into his computer program. Mr. Protzman does not have a date when the street will be completed but it is on Rutjens schedule to work on next. All of the pipe in that area is in and installed. Mr. Woldt stated that there were some issues with the piping today. They were wanting to do a tie in but could not get the water shut down with the valves. The issue is being worked on.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14 – SET FINAL TAX REQUEST. Mayor Soden introduced Resolution No. 2025-14 entitled: WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Wisner passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request. Mayor Soden then asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-14. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Parker to approve Resolution No. 2025-14 to set the final tax request. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Mayor Soden declared Resolution No. 2025-14 adopted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1195 – ADOPT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES. Councilwoman Gobar introduced Ordinance No. 2025-1195, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA. TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENTS FOR GENERAL, ENTERPRISE, AND CARE CENTER; TO BE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL, TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AND PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM, moved by Councilman Meyer that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilwoman Gobar second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, 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 2025-1195 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2025-1195 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilman Parker moved

for final passage and Councilman Schweers second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2025-1195 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. 7 – ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1196 – TO ESTABLISH AN HOURLY & SALARY PAY SCHEDULE OF CITY PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICE EMPLOYEES, LIBRARY, AND POLICE DEPARTMENT. Councilman Parker introduced Ordinance No. 2025-1196, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH AN HOURLY AND SALARY PAY SCHEDULE OF CITY PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICE EMPLOYEES, LIBRARY, AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; 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 Meyer that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Parker second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, 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 2025-1196 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2025-1196 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilwoman Gobar moved for final passage and Councilman Parker second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2025-1196 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. 8 – AUTHORIZE CLERK/TREASURER TO RENEW CD'S #8323 GAS, #8324 CEMETERY TRUST, & #8325 SWIMMING POOL TRUST. Council discussed weather to go six months or for twelve months. There is not much difference between the six month and the twelve months. With the unknowns on how the interest rates will be they discussed going for a longer term. Moved by Parker and seconded by Schweers to renew the CDs at twelve months at a rate of 4.09% with Citizen State Bank. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – STREET DEPARTMENT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A USED MAINTAINER. Mr. Woldt stated that he has come up with a couple of options for a used maintainer. The first one is a 2018 which is out at the county shed. It has almost 8,000 hours on it. Both of the maintainers have front wheel assist. The other maintainer that Murphy Tractor found is in Kansas City and is a 2014 with about 6,000 hours on it. This one is the next size smaller machine which is 24 horse power difference. The county's maintainer they want \$142,000.00 and the one in Kansas City they are asking \$118,000.00. Both are with our \$20,000.00 trade in. Councilman Parker asked about the delivery cost. Mr. Woldt stated that the delivery has been included in the cost. The sales rep stated that the one in Kansas, they will put all new tires on it, take care of any regular maintenance, fix any oil leaks, and replace the shims in the shoes. This machine has the exact same controls as the

machine the city has currently. Mr. Woldt said that they have not seen the machine in Kansas City yet just some pictures that the rep from Murphy Tractor has sent him. Councilwoman Gobar asked Mr. Woldt what his recommendation would be. Mr. Woldt said the 2014 machine has the same tires as what we have now so we would not have to get new chains. The controls are all the same. It has 2,000 less hours than the county machine. Councilman Parker said it seems like the Kansas one is a lesser transition. The Kansas machine and our current machine are pretty much the same but newer. The city's current maintainer is a 1993. Mr. Woldt said in the twenty-four years that we have had this maintainer we have only put 4,000 hours on it. Mr. Woldt said that if Murphy Tractor is going to put all new tires on the machine from Kansas, that would be the better buy. On Mr. Woldt's recommendations, Councilman Meyer moved to approve the purchase of the maintainer from Kansas City contingent that after the machine gets to Nebraska that it looks decent in person and Councilwoman Gobar seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers. Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – 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 he has heard some positive feed back from residents and non-residents on the traffic through town. Some discussion was held regarding the side-dump trucks that have been coming from South of Wisner that are taking dirt to the highway construction West of Wisner.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has two building permits at this time. The first one is at 701 River Road, Lot 17 to build a storage building and the last one is at 516 13 St. to build a new home.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Councilman Parker asked for an update on the restroom remodel at Central Park. Mr. Woldt stated that they have been down there working on them. Councilman Parker also mentioned that the portable restrooms in Central Park need to be cleaned out. Mr. Woldt has called Port-A-John to let them know that they need cleaned out.
- B. Mr. Woldt invited the mayor and council to a ribbon cutting for the Grandview Addition Phase II project on September 18th at 10:00 AM. north of the duplex. Mr. Woldt told the council that a utility customer is not allowing the city to enter the home to change out the meter. The clerk will prepare a letter to send to them to allow access and if access is still denied, utilities will be shut off.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:36 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Schweers that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on October 6, 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.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer