

MINUTES-November 17, 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, October 17, 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 Sammye Nyman, Wisner Care Center Administrator.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2025 REGULAR MEETING, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD OCTOBER 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT, AND WISNER FIRE & RESCUE DEPT. – APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO FIRE – BRYCE ZIMMERER. 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 – 6:01 PM PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER A ZONING DESIGNATION CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL (R) TO COMMERCIAL (C) WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WISNER REQUESTED BY JON GREVE, AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 1, 2, 9, AND 10, BLOCK 9, JANE S WISNER ADDITION IN THE CITY OF WISNER, CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA. Mayor Soden opened the public hearing at 6:01 PM and opened the floor for questions and comments from the council and general public. Councilwoman Gobar asked where these lots are. Mr. Woldt explained where they were at. With no other questions or comments from the council or the general public, Mayor Soden closed the public hearing at 6:02 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1197 – ZONING DESIGNATION CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL (R) TO COMMERCIAL (C). Councilman Parker introduced Ordinance No. 2025-1197, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA, CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL (R) TO COMMERCIAL (C) ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT LOTS 1, 2, 9, AND 10, BLOCK 9, JANE S WISNER ADDITION CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA; AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM, moved by Councilwoman Gobar that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Schweers 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. 2025-1197 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2025-1197 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. 2025-1197 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. 4 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE BID OPENING FOR EAST HIGHWAY 275 UTILITY RELOCATION – ELECTRICAL & UTILITIES. Roger Protzman with JEO Consulting Group with at tonight's meeting to explain the next steps of the project. There are two parts to this part of the project. They are the lift station and sewer improvements and water improvements. Mr. Protzman is asking for permission to go out bids for both of these projects to receive bids on December 18th and then to award bids at the first meeting in January and the electrical at the second meeting in January. Mr. Protzman said that they received a comment letter back from the state regarding this phase, and part of and sewer and water main that is east of the lift station will need to be moved further to the north so JEO is in the process of redesigning that. The draft cost opinion for this phase is estimated at \$1,252,190.00. There is a healthy contingency in here to help if there are any increases on any of the items. Mr. Protzman said that he is questioning the boring and would like to make sure that amount is right. Moved by Parker and seconded by Meyer to approve advertising for bids for the lift station and sewer improvements and water main improvements with a bid opening date of December 18th. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – WISNER PARKS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT 2026 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DONALD E. NIELSEN FOUNDATION. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve submitting a grant application into the Donald E. Nielsen Foundation for the Wisner Parks Enhancement Project 2026. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – WISNER CARE CENTER – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PURCHASING A NEW WASHER WITH SALES TAX GENERAL OR GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS. Councilman Meyer explained that one of the washers at the Care

Center broke and they don't have it in the budget for a new one. Wisner Care Center Administrator, Sammye Nyman explained that the two washer machines that broke are thirty and thirty-five years old. The Care Center turned in a Dinklage Grant to cover one of the machines. The cost is about \$20,000.00. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Parker to approve the purchase of a new wash machine for the Wisner Care Center. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER SENIOR CENTER'S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve the Dinklage Grant Application from the Wisner Senior Center and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER HERITAGE MUSEUM'S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Moved by Parker and seconded by Schweers to approve the Dinklage Grant Application from the Wisner Heritage Museum 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. 9 – 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 police department received the Gardner Foundation Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the radios. The radios have been ordered. Chief Salmen stated that he is about finished with another grant and will have that submitted soon. The new cop car is ordered and should be ready for pickup in January.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one building permits at this time. It is for 617 Ave E to build a shop.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Mr. Woldt stated that the gas line that runs out south of town to Tom Feller's Feedlot for their flaker will need to be moved due to the construction of the new bridge. Mr. Woldt stated that he is pretty positive that the county will pay for the relocation but will have to go in front of the county commissioners at their next board meeting. The boring costs is about \$44,000.00 to go across the river. The phone company has lines on the west side of the bridge that also need to be moved. They are worried about the demolition of the old bridge is why the phone company has to move lines as well.
- B. Councilman Schweers had a few people ask him about the stretch of road that is graveled by Stoffel's and Mary Donner's house. Councilman Schweers stated that it does get hard to get up that little patch of road when the gravel gets on the concrete, you spin out trying to get up the street. Mayor Soden asked if it would be possible when they are redoing Eighteenth Street if they could asphalt that stretch. Mr. Woldt stated what really needs to be done is putting curbs on the stretch of road to control the water runoff. Mr. Woldt said he is not sure how the public would perceive it, but

the city crew could form the street and pave it and put on the curbs later. The land owners should get assessed so much of the paving. The whole stretch could be paved over to Fifth Street and could be done through GAP Paving. Councilman Schweers thought that there could be at least four land owners that would help pay for it. Mr. Woldt stated when the tractor comes back from repairs, he will clean up the rock that is on the concrete.

- C. Councilman Meyer said that council needs to put their heads together to help fund the care center. There is enough for a year or two. This is the second largest employer in the city and would not like to see the doors close. If the census would go up to thirty-three or thirty-four it would break about even. They are watching and trying to cut the budget where it can be.
- D. Care Center Administrator, Sammye Nyman thanked the council for the purchase of the washer.
- E. Dusty Kruger stated that he is now a freelancer, that his position was dropped at the newspaper and is freelancing for the paper for city council and school board meetings.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:27 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Schweers that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on December 1, 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