

MINUTES-December 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 Monday, December 15, 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, Barry Meyer, Andrew Schweers, and Mayor Terry Soden.

Absent on the roll call: LJ Parker.

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

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – PARKS IMPROVEMENTS 2026 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLYING FOR A COMMUNITY AND CIVIC CENTER FINANCING FUND GRANT (CCCF). Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve applying for a CCCFF grant through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for park improvements. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WISNER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION – GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve the Wisner Community Development's Dinklage grant application for general operating expenses and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WISNER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT’S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION – WCD TIF SUPPORT. Councilman Meyer stated that this is a different grant and that he talked to Alan Harms regarding this grant. Councilman Meyer stated that we should pass this grant here at the council level and let the Dinklage Foundation discuss it more in depth at their meeting and let them make the final decision on the application. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve the Wisner Community Development’s Dinklage grant application for TIF support and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WISNER MAIN STREET FLOWER POTS’ DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Meyer to approve the Wisner Main Street Flower Pots’ Dinklage grant application and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time.

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

- A. Councilwoman Gobar wanted to take this time to thank the city office and city guys for inviting the council to the Christmas/recognition party. It was very nice to see everyone together. Councilman Schweers stated that it was also a good meal.
- B. Mr. Woldt asked the council if they had a problem with changing the dump hours for Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. Mr. Woldt thought opening at 8:00 AM on those days and closing at 2:00 or 3:00 PM.
- C. Mayor Soden was asked about a crosswalk light by the school entrance on Eighteenth Street and Avenue H. This would not be an overhead light but a push button one or something similar. Mr. Woldt said that he would check into some different options and prices. It would probably consist of a school crossing sign and strobe lights that would flash that could be ran off of solar power.
- D. Mrs. James wanted to make sure that the council saw that the police were awarded a grant through the State of Nebraska for eCitations and eCrash equipment in the amount of \$19,078.20.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, January 5, 2026, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:09 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Meyer that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on January 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer