

**Minutes – January 5, 2026**

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, January 5, 2026, 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 Meetings 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, & Mayor Terry Soden. Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, Stephanie James, City Clerk/ Treasurer, Sammye Nyman, Care Center Administrator, and Cody Lanagan, Wisner Police Officer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2025 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, AND CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLES FOR JANUARY 2026. 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. Care Center payable total - \$233,475.72, and net payroll total for December - \$241,151.62, City payable total - \$1,054,697.93, and net payroll total for December - \$80,555.98, and City/Rural Fire Board payable total - \$18,360.39, be approved and allowed; and those warrants be drawn for their payment; and the City Clerk/ Treasurer publish said claims according to law; and an itemized account be kept on file in the office of the Wisner Care Center and Wisner City Office for public inspection. A copy of the signed acknowledgement of receipt and approval of each is attached to these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – 2026 EAST HIGHWAY 275 UTILITIES RELOCATION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BID – PHASE II. Roger Protzman with JEO was in attendance at tonight's meeting to discuss this with the council. Mr. Protzman stated that Phase II received four bids with a pretty broad range. The lowest bidder had a \$30,000.00 error in his bid; the unit price did not equal the total cost. This reduced his bid by \$30,000.00.

Obrist & Company from Columbus, NE had the lowest bid that came in at \$467,964.50. The next lowest bid came in at \$758,652.00. Everyone had different ideas what the project would cost. Councilwoman Gobar asked about the work that Obrist has done. Mr. Protzman said that they have done work in Albion, NE and had some issues with communications and Lindsey, NE had no complaints on the work done there. Mr. Protzman stated that he does not really have a legal reason not to approve the lowest bid submitted by Obrist & Company. Councilman Schweers asked since there is such a price difference, is Obrist usually the lowest bidder on projects. Mr. Protzman said yes. Councilman Parker asked if they have a lot of change orders on projects. Mr. Protzman said that are not really change order happy. The owner has not really had any consistent job superintendents, so he is busy with multiple companies. Councilman Meyer asked Mr. Protzman, so you recommend the low bidder. Mayor Soden asked if the company had any problems with starting on time. Mr. Protzman stated that it sounded like they did not. Mr. Protzman stated that he does and that he does not have a legal reason not to. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve the recommendation from JEO to go with the lowest bid from Obrist & Company out of Columbus, NE in the amount of \$467,964.50 for the Highway 275 Utilities Relocation Phase II Project. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Protzman stated since he is here, he will give the council a quick update on the water treatment plant. Things are going well. The painters here there and getting that completed. It is scheduled to complete the project by the end of January. The equipment supplier can not be here until February to start going through the different check lists on startup. There is a conference in March for water treatment plants so JEO is wanting to wait until after that conference to start the treatment plant in operation. Start up will be late March to early April. Councilman Meyer asked if the treatment plant has to be hooked up to the internet. Mr. Woldt stated that the phone company has their line in and Sparklight has their line in.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1198 – RAISING OF ELECTRICAL RATES. Councilman Parker introduced Ordinance No. 2026-1198, entitled: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SYSTEM FOR ELECTRICITY; ASSESSING LATE CHARGES ON ALL UTILITIES; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 1189 AND FIXING THE DATE THIS ORDINANCE IS TO BE EFFECTIVE, moved by Councilwoman Gobar that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Meyer second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, 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 2026-1198 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2026-1198 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilwoman Gobar moved for final passage and Councilman Parker second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2026-1198 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 – RESOLTUION NO. 2026-1 – TO AUTHORIZE SIGNERS FOR BANKING TRANSACTIONS – WISNER CARE CENTER. Mayor Soden introduced Resolution No. 2026-1 entitled: **RESOLVED**, that the Pinnacle Bank, Citizens State Bank, and Midwest Bank are designated as depositories for the funds of the Wisner Care Center, which may be withdrawn on checks for the payment of monies bearing any **two** (2) of the following named officers or employees of the Wisner Care Center (“Agents”), whose actual signatures are shown below. Mayor Soden then asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-1. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve Resolution No. 2026-1. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Soden declared Resolution No. 2026-1 adopted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – AUTHORIZE CLERK/TREASURER TO RENEW CD'S #2744 COMBINED UTILITIES BOND, #2745 ELECTRIC SINKING, #2746 GAS, & #2747 GAS, & #2748 ENTERPRISE SINKING. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Parker to approve Midwest Bank for eighteen months at the rate of 3.50%. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – AUTHORIZE NEXT REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY HOLIDAY. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Schweers to authorize the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 due to Martin Luther King Day Holiday. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – STREET DEPARMENT – PURCHASE OF PEDESTRIAN SCHOOL CROSSING LIGHTS. Mr. Woldt received three estimates for a pedestrian cross light. The lowest estimate was from Mid American Signal, Inc. in the amount of \$9,167.00. This would put a flashing light on each side of the intersection with a button activation light on each side. Mr. Woldt stated that he called Chad Boyer, School Superintendent to see if the school would be willing to pay half of the cost. Mr. Boyer said that he didn't think it would be a problem but will bring it up at their board meeting next week. Councilwoman Gobar stated that this estimate does not show any shipping costs. Mr. Woldt is not sure if that is all included in the price or not. The cross light will be placed at Eighteenth Street and Avenue H. Councilman Parker asked if Mr. Woldt has worked with any of these companies before. Mr. Woldt stated that Mid American Signal is who fixed the cross light on main street. Mr. Woldt said that this will be easy to install. Moved by Parker and seconded by Gobar to approve the purchase of a pedestrian school crossing light for Eighteenth Street and Avenue H from Mid American Signal in the amount of \$9,167.00. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – UTILITY BILLING – REPORT ON RECEIVABLES. Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer, stated that as of tonight's meeting, the past due amount is at \$1,133.70.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – REVIEW BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Councilwoman Gobar stated that Mrs. James has post for pool lifeguards and manager on the city's Facebook page and informed the school to put it in their announcements. Councilwoman Gobar also asked if McClary's are still living in the house. Mr. Woldt said that he has not heard anything from them.
- B. Mr. Woldt said that the planning commission met today on a zoning change for Jon Greve. When it was done on the first go around, the map that we looked at only Blocks 1, 2, 9, and 10 showing, but looking at it closer there are ten blocks. This go around is to include Blocks 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. The planning commission voted and recommended approval. Mr. Woldt went on to say that the motor grader that we were supposed to purchase, was decided that they were going to keep it. MacQueen did find another one in the same area and will sell it to the city for the same price. It is the same hours and four years newer. It will be available in February.
- C. Councilman Schweers asked if the door has been put on in the restroom at Central Park. Mr. Woldt said that it has not been done and that he will get ahold of Ortmeier's.
- D. Ted Japp from Kennard, NE and said that Ben Hansen will be termed out and that he will be running for Legislature District 16. Mr. Japp introduced himself and told everyone about himself. Mr. Japp does not know a lot about Wisner but has read about Cuming County. He would like to hear more about Wisner. He would like people to reach out to him.
- E. Councilman Meyer said that he had one more item to bring up. He said that he has been in contact with Eric Knobbe regarding the land by the cemetery. Mr. Knobbe would like to sell the land for \$14,000.00 an acre. It is 5.35 acres of land that the city could potentially purchase to make the cemetery larger. Councilman Barry stated that we would not need to use the whole area and that the rest could still be farmed. Mr. Knobbe said that they would farm the rest but don't want to pay rent. This will be a future agenda item to purchase the ground.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM. At 6:27 PM it was moved by Parker and seconded by Gobar that the City Council adjourns to January 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM in regular session, 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

Attest:

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City Clerk/Treasurer

JANUARY 2026

## Accounts Payable

### WISNER CARE CENTER

AHCA/NCAL SOLUTIONS LLC, - LICENSES/DUES/SUBS 2830.00, ALS NURSE CONSULTING - NURSING SALARIES 16069.92, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC - SUPPLIES 1656.92, ARVID'S FOODTOWN - FOOD 73.57, CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY - INSURANCE 506.00, CITY OF WISNER-UTILITIES - UTILITIES 7305.49, CITY OF WISNER-GENERAL OPERATION LOAN - GENERAL OPERATION LOAN 13302.74, COMMERCIAL READERS SERVICE - SUBSCRIPTION 44.95, CULLIGAN OF NORFOLK - WATER 106.50, CUMING COUNTY NEWS & ELKHORN VALLEY SHOP - ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS 21.00, DIRECT SUPPLY - SUPPLIES 1812.86, RHETT ECKMANN-MD - MEDICAL DIRECTOR 500.00, GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP. - COPIER EXPENSE 595.73, GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS - TELEPHONE SERVICE 433.36, GROOVE FINANCIAL SERVICES - CABLE TV SERVICE 777.82, GRP & ASSOCIATES - MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL 113.00, HEALTH CARE INFO SYSTEMS-HCIS - MEDICAID BILLING 2743.83, HEALTHCAP RRG - INSURANCE 1161.70, HEART HEALTHCARE - NURSING SALARIES 1270.35, HORWATH LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT - REPAIRS 2907.40, KEY REHABILITATION - MEDICARE PHYSICAL THERAPY 7833.91, LIFECARE ASSOCIATES - SUPPLIES 3334.26, MARTIN BROS - FOOD 16408.82, MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL - NURSING SUPPLIES 5249.33, MEDLINE INDUSTRIES, INC. - SUPPLIES 362.14, MENARDS-VISA-CAPITAL ONE COMMERCIAL - SUPPLIES 457.20, MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES - SERVICE CALL 429.00, MULTIMEDIA SALES & MKT - ADVERTISING 375.00, NEBRASKA NURSING FACILITY ASSOC. - MEMBERSHIP DUES (MONTHLY) 807.61, ONE OFFICE SOLUTION - PAPER 374.08, PHARMACISTS MUTUAL - INSURANCE 3593.99, PINNACLE BANK - POSITIVE PAY 113.00, PINNACLE BANK-VISA ADMIN - SUPPLIES 148.40, SUPPLIES 1844.86, PRIME TIME HEALTHCARE LLC - NURSING SALARIES 2422.19, SECURITY SHREDDING SERVICES - DOCUMENT SHREDDING 40.00, SFM MUTUAL INSURANCE - WORKMEN COMP. 1920.00, TARA M SMITH - DIETITIAN SERVICES 928.25, ST FRANCIS MEMORIAL - RESIDENT CARE 22.63, STAN ORTMEIER & CO - REPAIRS 5637.57, STATE OF NE-DHHS DIV MEDICAID & LTC - QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE 24651.00, TASC - ACA REPORTING 823.41, TIFFANY VRBA - REFUND OF GARNISHMENT 716.28, TIM'S SINCLAIR - FUEL 727.78, TMS-TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - TIME CLOCK 214.50, TROPICAL CREATIONS, INC - 12 MONTH SERVICE & SUPPLIES-AVIARY & AQUARIUM 2102.00, WAYNE HERALD/MORNING SHOPPER - ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS 140.00, WCC-ARTS & CRAFTS FUND - ACTIVITIES SUPPLIES 316.38, WCC-PETTY CASH - OFFICE SUPPLIES 203.90, RICHELLE WESEMANN - MDS RECERT 234.00, WISNER APOTHECARY - MEDICATIONS 5529.84, WISNER TRU VALUE HARDWARE & LUMBER - MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 577.80, WISNER WEST - FUEL 67.93, Total - \$142,840.20, CREAMER AUCTION - SUPPLIES 7470.10, DECEMBER PAYROLL 83165.42, Grand Total - \$233,475.72

### CITY OF WISNER

805 AUTOMOTIVE - TIRE REPAIRS & WIPER BLADES, BRAKES, BRAKE PADS, & THERMOSTAT 865.74, ALLO BUSINESS - AGREEMENT 39.00, APPEARA - MOPS 721.48, ARVID'S FOODTOWN - BOTTLED WATER-HIGH NITRATES 214.22, AXON ENTERPRISE, INC - TASER 10 INSTRUCTOR CLASS 2700.00, BAIRDHOLM ATTORNEYS AT LAW - LEGAL FEES - GRANDVIEW TIF PROJECT 636.00, BLUE360 DEGREE MEDIA - NE CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC LAW 25/26 105.95, CRYSTAL BRAUN - CLEANING SERVICES 480.00, BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL, INC. - TIRE DISPOSAL 505.33, CENTRAL VALLEY AG - FUEL 834.40, COMPLETE MERCHANT SOLUTIONS - CREDIT CARD CHARGES & FEES 894.19, CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES - UTILITY COLLECTION 208.21, CUMING COUNTY NEWS - PUBLICATION EXPENSE 562.49, CUMING COUNTY PUBLIC POWER - ANNUAL/UNMETERED SERVICE-WELCOME SIGN 520.52, CUSHING CONSTRUCTION - TRENCH GAS LINE - J. BUHRMAN 470.00, DEPT OF ENERGY - WAPA - BUREAU POWER 32790.85, DINKEL IMPL. CO. - PARTS 3788.58, DOHREN TRUCK REPAIR - OIL CUP, NUTS, & CABLE 192.77, DUTTON-LAINSON CO - OVAL EYENUT, BOOM WAX, WIPES, CONNECTORS, & CONDUIT STAND OFF 1577.52, ELECTRIC LIGHT FUND - UTILITIES 9870.04, ELKHORN VALLEY OUTFITTERS &

GUNSMITHING - SHOTGUN TRANSFER FEE 105.00, EXPENSE SUNDRIES - MISC EXPENSE 473.75, FP MAILING SOLUTIONS - OPTI-MAIL METER & SCALE DEC. TO MARCH 2026 127.50, GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS - TELEPHONE SERVICE 893.15, GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS. - COPIER EXPENSE 195.70, INDUSTRIAL SALES COMPANY, INC. - RISER, COUPLERS, REDUCERS, WIRE, & BRACKETS 4835.19, IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES - MEMBERSHIP DUES 4270.00, JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT - UTILITY POUCH & HANDCUFF CASE 77.90, JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC - WASTEWATER TESTING 95720.00, JRS SHOP, LLC - ALUMINUM ANGLE 88.40, KRIER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC - ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT 9293.00, L. P. GILL, INC. - UNLOADING 2815.30, LEAF - 2-PRINTER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS 196.26, MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 4220.00, MCI - 800-SERVICE 50.43, MENARDS - NORFOLK - PRO-RIB-WHITE, STANDARD, SEALANT, FROTH, & GARAGE DOOR STOP 3682.50, MICHAEL TODD INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY - POLY SECTIONS, FLAT PLOLY SECTIONS, & SURFACE MOUNT STROBE LIGHT 1055.79, MICROMARKETING LLC - BOOKS 73.90, MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO CENTER - ANNUAL FEES 100.00, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC - TESTING 141.70, MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS - RADIOS 36572.56, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEBRASKA - FIRM POWER NOVEMBER 2025 48489.75, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF OMAHA - BONNET REPAIR KIT & UPPER STEM 585.03, NATIONAL PUBLIC GAS AGENCY - COMMODITY CHARGE-NOVEMBER 2025 39822.86, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REV. SALES TAX - SALES TAX EXPENSE 15794.14, NEBRASKA LIFE MAGAZINE - SUBSCRIPTION - 2 YEARS 52.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - TESTING 770.00, NEON LINK - CREDIT CARD CHARGES & FEES 133.40, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. - DIGGERS HOTLINE/LOCATE REQUESTS 57.84, ONE OFFICE SOLUTION - STAPLER & BINDERS 447.34, OVERHEAD DOOR CO OF NORFOLK - WEATHERSTIP 30.00, PINNACLE BANK - POSITIVE PAY FEE 25.00, PINNACLE BANK-VISA CREDIT CARD - KEY FOB CASES 1461.63, PORT-A-JOHNS - PORTABLE RESTROOMS-SPLASH PAD 130.00, RJ 24-7 LLC - UNLOADING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT 2493.75, CHUCK ROBINS - FURNACE LABOR 140.00, RUTJENS CONSTRUCTION - STREET REPAIRS 611659.19, TIM'S SINCLAIR, LLC - FUEL 283.82, U C I TESTING - DRUG TESTING ANNUAL FEE 900.00, VERIZON WIRELESS - POLICE CELL PHONE 338.02, WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP - STREET LIGHTS 2225.25, WEST POINT AUTO & TRUCK CENTER, INC. - PROGRAMMED KEY FOB 342.10, WILKS PUBLICATIONS INC - BOOKS 99.00, WISNER AUTO VALUE - SUPPLIES 1079.47, WISNER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DINKLAGE GRANT-GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES 12505.94, WISNER HERITAGE MUSEUM SOCIETY - DINKLAGE GRANT - GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES 579.99, WISNER SENIOR CENTER - MONTHLY EXPENSE 16542.00, WISNER TRUE VALUE - SUPPLIES 578.32, WISNER WEST - FUEL 1556.83, ZACH HEATING & COOLING - COMBUSTION BLOWER MOTOR 575.00, Total - 982662.99, POSTALIA - POSTAGE 1000.00, DECEMBER PAYROLL 71034.94, Grand Total - \$1,054,697.93

#### **CITY OF WISNER AND WISNER RURAL FIRE BOARD**

CENTRAL VALLEY AG - FUEL - AMBULANCE 247.88, CITY OF WISNER - UTILITIES 1103.80, GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS - TELEPHONE & INTERNET SERVICE 161.09, HEIMAN INC. - BUNKER COAT, BUNKER PANTS, & GLOVES 14361.39, STEPHANIE JAMES - BATTERIES & ASPIRIN 7.26, MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC. - OXYGEN 283.15, MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL - IV CATHETERS, EXAM GLOVES, & OB KIT 274.48, ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS - BILLING SERVICES 1320.58, WISNER APOTHECARY - NASAL GLUCAGON 600.76, Total - \$18,360.39