

MINUTES-JANUARY 20, 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 Tuesday, January 20, 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 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, Sammye Nyman, Wisner Care Center Administrator, Chief of Police, Doug Salmen, and Police Officer, Cody Lanagan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2026 REGULAR MEETING, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD DECEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT, AND SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSE – BRU’S PACKAGE & LOUNGE – 03/14/2026 – BEE GARDEN – 10:00 AM TO 2:00 AM – ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. 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 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8, 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. Stephanie James, City Clerk/Treasurer explained to the council and public the reasoning for a second approval. Not all of the lots were included in the initial approval. With no other questions or comments from the council or the general public, Mayor Soden closed the public hearing at 6:04 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1199 – ZONING DESIGNATION CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL (R) TO COMMERCIAL (C). Councilman Schweers introduced Ordinance No. 2026-1199, 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 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8, 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: Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. 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 2026-1199 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2026-1199 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilwoman Gobar moved for final passage and Councilman Meyer second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2026-1199 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 – RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2 – CLOSURE OF STATE HIGHWAY FOR SPECIAL EVENT – MARCH 14TH – ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION. Mayor Soden introduced Resolution No. 2026-2 entitled: **WHEREAS**, the Wisner Chamber of Commerce, St. Pat's Day Committee, will be hosting the Annual St. Pat's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2026; **WHEREAS**, Wisner Chamber of Commerce has requested that Avenue E be closed from 7th Street to 18th Street, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.; **WHEREAS**, Avenue E is also Highway 275; **WHEREAS**, closure of a State Highway for a special event requires notification to the Nebraska Department of Roads and the City's agreement to indemnify the State. Mayor Soden then asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-2. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve Resolution No. 2026-2. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

Mayor Soden declared Resolution No. 2026-2 adopted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – 2026 EAST HIGHWAY 275 UTILITIES RELOCATION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BID – ELECTRICAL. Mr. Woldt stated that bids were opened on January 14th at 3:00 PM. The lowest bidder was Schader Electric in the amount of \$280,220.50. The highest bidder was Altitude Energy, LLC in the amount of \$652,525.00. JEO Consulting Group checked Schmader Electric's bid over and recommends to award the bid to Schader Electric out of West Point, Nebraska. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to go with JEO's recommendation of Schader Electric in the amount of \$280,220.50 for the 2026 East Highway 275 Utilities Relocation – Electrical. 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. Chief

Salmen said that the new police car is in at Omaha and will get started on tearing the equipment out of the old police car out and getting the new car set up. Chief Salmen also updated council on the grants that were awarded to the department. The equipment is starting to come in and will be installed on February 23rd.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time.

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

- A. Councilwoman Gobar stated that she has not found anyone at this time yet to run in her place on council. Councilwoman Gobar asked is anyone had any suggestions that would be great. I would run again but that would make it twelve years and it's not that I don't want to serve my community for that long, I will be almost eighty years old.
- B. Mr. Woldt stated that the cross light for Eighteenth Street has been ordered and is twelve to fourteen weeks out for delivery. It will be installed and ready to go for school this fall.
- C. Mayor Soden shared that he was invited to Norfolk to attend a meeting for the last portion of the Highway 275 four lane. Governor Pillen was also in attendance. A representative from the department of roads was also there. Discussion was held and the representative from the department of roads stated this stretch of four lane will be open from Norfolk to Omaha by 2028. There was no discussion on who was awarded the bid to do the stretch from Wisner to West Point.
- D. Councilman Schweers asked if that door to cover the plumbing access has been installed yet. Mr. Woldt said that it has not been installed yet but we did receive the bill for the work to redo the restrooms. The door needs to be installed before the grant funds from the Game and Parks will be released.
- E. Dusty Krueger apologized for the error in the paper when he wrote millions instead of thousands.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:17 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Meyer that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on February 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer