

MINUTES-March 16, 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, March 16, 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, 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 Cody Lanagan, Wisner Police Officer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2026 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD FEBRUARY 2026 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 - 6:01 PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF A LOT SPLIT OF LAND ALREADY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WISNER, AS FOLLOWS: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN RAILROAD ADDITION OF THE CITY OF WISNER, CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA ADJOINING THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF RAILROAD AVENUE, NORTH OF AVENUE “D” LYING BETWEEN 12TH AND 13TH STREET. Mayor Soden opened the public hearing at 6:01 PM and invited questions and comments from the public and council. Councilman Schweers said so basically, he had it surveyed and found that those buildings are on his land and in order to sell his property, this needs to be resolved. With no questions or comments from the public or council, Mayor Soden closed the public hearing at 6:02 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA TO APPROVE THE SUBDIVISION OF REAL ESTATE LOACTED WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF WISNER, CUMING COUNTY,

NEBRASKA. Mayor Soden introduced Resolution No. 2026-3 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA, TO APPROVE THE SUBDIVISION OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF WISNER, CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA. Mayor Soden then asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-3. Moved by Parker and seconded by Schweers to approve Resolution No. 2026-3. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Soden declared Resolution No. 2026-3 adopted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WISNER COMMUNITY ARTS & REC DINKLAGE APPLICATION. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve the Dinklage Grant application submitted by the Wisner Community Arts & Rec 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. 5 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police made available the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council. Chief Salmen thanked the city guys for all their help for the St. Pat's celebration. Chief Salmen stated that it was really nice now that they have radios that work. Councilman Schweers asked if Officer Lanagan's car was completely done. Officer Lanagan said that it was. Chief Salmen said that all the radios and repeaters are all installed and working well. They were able to communicate well during the parade.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Councilman Parker took this time to thank the city employees for making sure the town was nice and clean for the St. Patrick's Day celebration and also to the police force what all that they did over the weekend.
- B. Mr. Woldt stated that they are going to fire up the new generator tomorrow but will only be able to run it up to 800 kW instead of the 1500 kW. They still need to change some PTs and CTs, but they are still a few months out from getting here. Mr. Woldt stated that a decision will need to be made if they want to install dark fiber or a transformer in back to cover what NPPD wants us to do to be connected with them. Mr. Woldt stated that they are leaning towards the dark fiber since there is fiber in the back already. Doing this will allow NPPD to disconnect us if we start to blow their arrestors out or surge the line. Since 2010 when we started doing this generation, we have not blown any arrestors or surged the line. Mr. Woldt attended a preconstruction meeting today in Norfolk for the Highway 275 4-Lane between Wisner and West Point. They will be starting the grading down by West Point and head this way. This will be good so that the guys doing the lift station changes have more time. Mayor Soden asked

if Mr. Woldt knew when that would be started. Mr. Woldt said that it sounded like when the weather started to get nicer. Councilman Schweers asked if this section is a completely different crew. Mr. Woldt stated that it is. He thought it was Grant Construction.

- C. Councilman Schweers asked if the new maintainer came in yet. Mr. Woldt stated that it is not in yet and that the salesman thought it was in but it was not ours. Mr. Woldt said the last he knew it was in Kansas City getting serviced down there and then would be delivered. Councilman Schweers asked if the access door for the restroom remodel in Central Park has been completed yet. Mr. Woldt stated that it was completed last week and the final pay application has been turned in. Councilman Schweers asked when the splash pad would be turned on. Mr. Woldt stated that it is up and running on Memorial Day weekend when the pool opens. Councilwoman Gobar asked if any pool applications have been turned in yet. Mrs. James said we have two so far. Councilman Schweers asked how the TIF payment worked and when we have to pay that. Mrs. James said that we have received two payments from the county that were not very much and wanting to see in May when property taxes are due. A bond payment is due in April that is around \$35,0000.00. Councilman Meyer asked how many payments we have left on the generators. Mrs. James said not sure right now and that I would need to look. Mr. Woldt stated that he is hoping to be able to add the bills up from getting the new generator up and running onto the existing bond and just extending the payments out a few more years.
- D. Mayor Soden had the students at tonight's meeting stand up and introduce themselves. Mayor Soden thanked them for coming tonight.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:13 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Meyer that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on April 6, 2026 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