

**MINUTES-May 18, 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, May 18, 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, and Doug Salmen, Chief of Police.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2026 REGULAR MEETING, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD APRIL 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT, AND SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSE – WISNER LIONS CLUB – WISNER RIVER PARK – JUNE 26 & 27, 2026 – 12:00 PM TO 1:00 AM AND JUNE 28, 2026 – 12:00 PM TO 1:00 AM - RODEO. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Councilwoman Gobar asked with the designated license that the alcohol could not be served until noon. With the Lions Club's SDL, that is correct, the times to start serving for the three days is noon until 1:00 AM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – WISNER PUBLIC LIBRARY – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPAIRS TO THE BUILDING. Mr. Woldt said that he called Otte Construction and he is estimating that it would cost around \$5,200.00 to repair the roof cap of the library. He thought it would take maybe four or five sheets of plywood and would do the rubber repair work on the roof part themselves. Mr. Woldt said that he was not sure what the timeline would be, but would have it done before winter. There is no leaking inside of the library. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve the repairs to the library building. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1201 – TO ESTABLISH HOURLY WAGE SCALE FOR CITY POOL EMPLOYEES. Councilwoman Gobar asked if we even need this ordinance. Will the pool even open. The ordinance is not correct because the pool committee did not meet yet since they were unsure about the pool opening with the number of applicants that we have. Mrs. James stated that paperwork has not been sent out as they have not been hired yet. Councilwoman Gobar asked how can we officially hire them if we don't know if the pool is going to open. Councilman Meyer said that we can hire them and if we can't make it work to open, we don't open. Mrs. James stated that as of right now no one has a pool operator's license. The pool cannot be open unless there is someone at the pool with a PO license. Councilman Meyer stated that we should keep the six applicants that we have and at least open a few days during the week. Councilman Schweers asked if she was getting it again and I unsure if she was. You can get the license online through the State of Nebraska but only have until July of 2026 to get it with the changes that the state is making. Mr. Woldt stated that the health department may take that over since they are taking over the inspection of the pools. We are unsure about that at this time. Councilman Schweers asked if we hire these six applicants, can we hire more after this ordinance is passed. Mr. James said yes, that is covered in the ordinance. Councilwoman Gobar is concerned that the wages are not correct in the ordinance as presented. Mrs. James asked if they want to table this until the next meeting because Mr. Woldt mentioned that the pool will not be open for Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Woldt stated that they are waiting for caulking. The caulk was supposed to be here a week ago. The caulk will then have to cure for five to seven days. Councilman Meyer asked if we need an ordinance for pay. Mrs. James stated that you do to set the wages. Councilman Parker stated why don't we just pass this one. Mayor Soden said he agrees, that if we hire someone, they will want to know what they are going to be making. Two of the lifeguards are new so they would start out at \$16.00, three of them are returning from last year so they would start out at \$16.00 plus get \$0.75 for returning, and the manager would start out at \$20.00. Mrs. James stated if you want to pass this ordinance just state those corrections when the motion is made to adopt the ordinance.

Councilman Schweers introduced Ordinance No. 2026-1201, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH AN HOURLY PAY SCHEDULE FOR EMPLOYEES AT THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL; PROVISION FOR COMPENSATION FOR ATTAINING WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION; PROVISION FOR ATTAINING POOL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION; REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE, moved by Councilwoman Gobar that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Parker 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 2026-1201 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2026-1201 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilman Parker moved for final passage with the corrected wage amounts of \$16.75 for Haylie, Anna, and Ella and Councilman Schweers 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. 2026-1201 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.

Councilwoman Gobar asked if we do not open, will these kids be released from this ordinance to be able to find another job, correct. This ordinance will just give us the wage that they will make and be the official hire of the employees. Mrs. James stated that I could put a note in with their hire packet stating that we are not sure if we will be open yet. I will talk to them and see if anyone has or will get their PO certification. Councilman Schweers stated that Taylor Buderus is interested in being a manager as well.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4 – POOL ADMISSION FEE SCHEDULE. Mrs. James stated that this resolution is not correct as presented and need to discussion the admission fees. The fees presented in the resolution are what is currently being charges for admissions. Mrs. James stated that I would need some guidance on what you would want the fees to be. Councilman Schweers stated that if we are struggling to open the pool, it is pretty hard to raise the admission fees this year. Should they go up, yes, but not this year if we are not going to possibly be open or just open a few days out of the week. The council was all in agreement that the city will not raise admission fees this year. A resolution does not need to be passed if the admission fees will not be raised. No action was taken on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – FLY BY NIGHT FIREWORKS – TO APPROVE SALE OF FIREWORKS IN CITY LIMITS. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Parker to approve the sale of fireworks in the city limits. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. 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 let the council know that he is sharing is police car with Officer Rhodus. Officer Rhodus' car is in South Sioux City getting worked on. She was trying to do a traffic stop and the car would not stop for her. Come to find out, only half of her light bar was working and the siren was not working at all. They think it is the control head that went out.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one building permits at this time. It is for 1419 Avenue D to build a garage.

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

- A. Councilwoman Gobar stated that there are a few yards that need to be mowed.
- B. Mr. Woldt stated that the pool is pretty much ready to go, but as stated earlier that the city if waiting on the shipment of the caulk to arrive from Arnold Pool Company. The caulk was ordered almost three weeks ago. It is unknown where it is at. Once it gets here, the caulk will have to cure for five to seven days and then the pool will be filled. Hopefully by then we will know if we will have enough employees for the pool to be open. If we have enough employees, the pool will be filled.

- C. Mayor Soden opened a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation stating that the City of Wisner has been named as a Tree City USA.
- D. Councilman Schweers asked about the drain pipe by True Value. Mr. Woldt stated that he is still waiting for the supplies to show up.
- E. Councilman Meyer stated that he received a purchase agreement from Eric Knobbe to purchase land for the cemetery. Mr. Woldt stated that the agreement was forwarded to the city attorney for her to review. This will be placed on a later agenda after the city attorney approves the agreement.
- F. Dusty Krueger asked a question regarding the library building repairs. He wanted to know if it was the roof or the roof and siding. Mr. Woldt stated that it is the crown of the front fascia clear on top is rotting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:21 PM moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on June 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Clerk/Treasurer