

MINUTES-June 15, 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, June 15, 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, Sammye Nyman, Wisner Care Center Administrator, and Doug Salmen, Chief of Police.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2026 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD MAY 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 – RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5 – CUMING COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN. Chief Deputy Tim Schultz stated that the LEOP is a live document and can be changed at anytime if there are personnel changes or any errors. Please let Stephanie know and she can email me and we can get it updated. Mayor Soden introduced Resolution No. 2026-5 entitled: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Cuming County, City of Wisner, Cuming County, Nebraska, the Wisner City Council, Cuming County, Nebraska deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Cuming County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2025 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Cuming County Local Emergency Operations Plans. Mayor Soden then asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-5. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve Resolution

No. 2026-5. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Soden declared Resolution No. 2026-5 adopted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – WISNER HOUSING AUTHORITY – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF JUNE FOX AND APPOINTMENT OF BETH BUSS. Moved by Parker and seconded by Schweers to approve the resignation of June Fox and to approve the appointment of Beth Buss to the Wisner Housing Authority Board. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF TREVOR CYBORON AND APPOINTMENT OF DAWN SALMEN. Moved by Schweers and seconded by Meyer to approve the resignation of Trevor Cyboron and to approve the appointment of Dawn Salmen to the Wisner Community Redevelopment Authority Board. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD VACANCY FOLLOWING THE PASSING OF RUSS BREITKREUTZ AND APPOINTMENT OF JON GREVE. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve the appointment of Jon Greve to the Wisner Community Redevelopment Authority Board. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WISNER CUB SCOUT PACK 182'S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Parker to approve the Dinklage Grant application submitted by the Wisner Cub Scout Pack 182 and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WISNER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Councilman Meyer does not see a problem with the application. It is for new Christmas decorations and to update the banners. We still have the 150th banners on the poles. Mr. Woldt stated that Mayor Soden asked about some of the Christmas decorations that are ground mounted. Mr. Woldt said that he talked to Kellie Kimble and she said that she printed off the wrong one. They will be mounted to the poles and not the ground. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Parker to approve the Dinklage Grant application submitted by the Wisner Community Development 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. 8 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police made available the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council. Chief Salmen stated that Sargent Rhodus's police car is still in for repairs. The light bar needs to be replaced. The light bar control head shorted out.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one building permits at this time. It is for 701 River Road Lot 12 to build a storage shed.

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

- A. Councilwoman Gobar stated that she saw four ATV/Gators driving down the highway going to the dump. I thought that was against the law. Chief Salmen stated yes and no. It is against the law unless they are equipped to be on the highway and the only way he will know is if they would get pulled over. They need to have blinkers, head lights, and dim lights. The State of Nebraska does not want anyone driving on that land to the east of the old Pizza Hut. The only way to really get to the dump is through the park. Mayor Soden stated that if they have a Wisner license plate, they have insurance. Chief Salmen stated that we only require liability. If your ATV is equipped to drive on the highway you should have more coverage than just liability. You also have to have a flag or an orange blinking light. Mayor Soden stated that the State of Nebraska needs to address the electric mopeds. Chief Salmen stated that law enforcement has tried at their POAN conferences.
- B. Mr. Woldt stated that the new steps have been installed in the pool today. Mr. Woldt also stated that some of the pieces for the storm sewer by True Value have arrived and been installed.
- C. Mrs. James wanted to explain to the council that there is an initiative called the Rural Health Workforce Incentive Program through the State of Nebraska. I am still learning about it but it gives the EMTs a chance to apply and could be awarded \$7,500.00 each year for five years per person that applies. Part of this is that we have to make 20% of the stations calls and half of our meetings/drills for the year. You have to be licensed in the state and a U.S. Citizen. So, the part that is more concerning to the council is that there is a 10% cost share. If we get the \$7,500.00 the city and rural would have a cost share of \$750.00 each year. This could include life insurance, any training, license renewal fees, CPR classes. If we don't get up that \$750.00 cost share it would then cost the city and rural a monetary pay out. For example, if we can come up with \$500.00 worth of expenses that the city and rural pays for, then the monetary pay out would be \$250.00. Mrs. James stated that I will be adding this into the budget because the application process has started and ends June 30th. Not sure how many will apply but I have had two so far. Mr. Woldt stated how about the EMTs just give the 10% back. Mrs. James stated that would be on each of the EMTs. They are not required to do that. This is an incentive to want them to stay here and is a commitment for five years. A lot of our training is free. The only training that is paid is our EMT refresher class and that is every two years.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:16 PM moved by Parker and seconded by Gobar

that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on July 96, 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