

MINUTES-September 22, 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, September 22, 2026, at 5:00 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 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: LJ Parker, Barry Meyer, and Mayor Terry Soden.

Staff present: Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent and Stephanie James, City Clerk/ Treasurer.

Absent on the roll call: Cathy Gobar and Andrew Schweers.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – 5:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING – SET FINAL TAX REQUEST. Mayor Soden opened the public hearing at 5:00 PM to set the final tax request for the City of Wisner at \$507,880.80. Mayor Soden invites questions or comments from the public and council at this time. There were no questions or comments from the council and with no public in attendance, Mayor Soden closed the public hearing at 5:03 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – 5:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING – CITY GENERAL & ENTERPRISE FUNDS BUDGET FY 2026-27. Mayor Soden opened the public hearing at 5:03 PM for the General and Enterprise funds budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. Mayor Soden invites questions or comments from the public and council at this time. There were no questions or comments from the council and with no public in attendance, Mayor Soden closed the public hearing at 5:10 PM.

At 5:10 PM, City Council Members paused until 6:00 PM for the regular council meeting.

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, and Mayor 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.

Absent on the roll call: Andrew Schweers.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD AUGUST 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Parker to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Schweers. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9 – SET FINAL TAX REQUEST. Mayor Soden introduced Resolution No. 2026-9 entitled: WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Wisner passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request. Mayor Soden then asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-9. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Meyer to approve Resolution No. 2026-9 to set the final tax request. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Schweers. Motion carried. Mayor Soden declared Resolution No. 2026-9 adopted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1203 – ADOPT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES. Councilman Meyer introduced Ordinance No. 2026-1203, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA. TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENTS FOR GENERAL, ENTERPRISE, AND CARE CENTER; TO BE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL, TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AND PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM, moved by Councilman Parker that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilwoman Gobar second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Schweers. 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 2026-1203 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2026-1203 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilman Meyer moved for final passage and Councilman Parker second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Schweers. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2026-1203 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 – ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1204 – TO ESTABLISH AN HOURLY & SALARY PAY SCHEDULE OF CITY PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICE EMPLOYEES, LIBRARY, AND POLICE DEPARTMENT. Councilman Parker introduced Ordinance No. 2026-1204, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH AN HOURLY AND SALARY PAY SCHEDULE OF CITY PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICE EMPLOYEES, LIBRARY, AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; 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 Meyer second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Schweers. 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 2026-1204 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2026-1204 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilman Parker moved for final passage and Councilman Meyer second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Schweers. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2026-1204 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. 5 – AUTHORIZE CLERK/TREASURER TO RENEW CD'S #8323 GAS, #8324 CEMETERY TRUST, & #8325 SWIMMING POOL TRUST. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Parker to renew the CDs at twelve months at a rate of 4.35% with Citizen State Bank. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Schweers. Motion carried.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – 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 we were busy. Thunder by the River went very well. It did help that the beer garden was ran by a bar owner. No trouble at all clearing out the beer garden each night except for a little incident on Saturday night.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has one building permits at this time. It is for 904 8 St. to put up a garage.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Councilman Parker asked how the basketball court was coming along in the Dinklage Park. Mr. Woldt stated as long as the weather cooperates, the wall should go in fairly fast. They picked up another load of block today. They were able to get

in there a little bit this afternoon to work on it. Hopefully tomorrow it will be decent enough to work on the wall some more.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:08 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Parker that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on October 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Schweers. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer