

**MINUTES-December 16, 2024**  
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, December 16, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of December 12, 2024, a copy of proof of publication is attached to these minutes. 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, LJ Parker, Andrew Schweers, and Mayor Terry Soden.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2024 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD NOVEMBER 2024 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 – DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WISNER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT’S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Moved by Parker and seconded by Schweers to approve the Dinklage Grant application from Wisner Community Development 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. 3 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police made available the monthly police activities report to the mayor and council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has no building permits at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, COMMENTS BY COUNCIL, CITY OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

- A. Councilman Parker would like pool applications to be out earlier this year so that if there is a new hire or a previous lifeguard needs to renew their license, the YMCA usually offers these classes in March. Mrs. James said that she would get applications out to the school and get an announcement out to the school when school resumes in January. The pool application is available on the city's website. Councilman Parker would like to hire by March. We will get an ad in the newspaper as well.
- B. Councilwoman took this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- C. Mr. Woldt stated that WAPA is where we get about 60% of the city's power and they are doing a rate increase in January of about 7.5% and then the following year they will do another 6.5% increase. Mr. Woldt suggested that the city needs to do a rate increase to cover some of these increases. According to our last audit report, the auditors said that we are about 3% behind in our rates. Rates are increasing due to inflation. WAPA is hydro power and is one of the cheapest powers out there. Councilman Meyer suggested do a few rate increases throughout the year instead of one big one. This will be looked at by council at one of their January regular meetings. Mr. Woldt said that it was discussed a while back to raise the base rate for water another \$6.00. This will also be discussed at one of their January regular meetings to raise the base rate of \$30.00 to \$36.00 for water. Mr. Woldt made sure that the council read the memo from the city's attorney regarding the water tower issue. Councilman Meyer suggested that we discuss a negotiation with Mr. Gerard to resolve this issue without going into litigation. City staff will see if the city attorney will be available for the January 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting to discuss this issue. Mr. Woldt said that the Planning Commission met today at 5:00 to discuss a lot split of land in the Grandview Addition for the duplex that was built on Lot 21. The planning commission approved the lot split and recommends the same to the city council. A public hearing will be held for this at the January 6<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting.
- D. Mayor Soden apologized for being a little late to the meeting tonight as he forgot that the meeting was starting at 6:00 PM.
- E. Alan Harms said that he was here if the council had any questions regarding the Dinklage Grant application for the Wisner Community Development. He thanked the mayor and council and appreciates working with them and appreciates working with the Dinklage Foundation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025, AT 7:00 PM. At 6:11 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Parker that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on January 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk/Treasurer