

MINUTES-January 21, 2025
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, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. according to the notice published in the Wisner News Chronicle issue of January 16, 2025, 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, 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.

Absent on the roll call: L.J. Parker.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2025 REGULAR MEETING, AND CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD DECEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1188 – RAISING OF WATER RATES. Councilwoman Gobar introduced Ordinance No. 2025-1188, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA; ESTABLISHING NEW WATER RATES AND CLASSIFICATIONS ON WHICH RATES ARE TO BE BASED; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF WATER USE BILL; SET TIME FOR METER READING AND DUE DATE FOR WATER USE; PROHIBIT FLUORIDE IN WATER; REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; EFFECTIVE DATE, moved by Councilman Meyer that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilwoman Gobar second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. 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 2025-1188 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2025-1188 be

passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilwoman Gobar moved for final passage and Councilman Meyer second said motion.

Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2025-1188 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. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1189 – RAISING OF ELECTRICAL RATES. Councilman Meyer introduced Ordinance No. 2025-1189, entitled: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SYSTEM FOR ELECTRICITY; ASSESSING LATE CHARGES ON ALL UTILITIES; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 1158 AND FIXING THE DATE THIS ORDINANCE IS TO BE EFFECTIVE, moved by Councilman Meyer that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Schweers second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. 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 2025-1189 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2025-1189 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilman Meyer moved for final passage and Councilman Schweers second said motion.

Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2025-1189 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 - GRANDVIEW ADDITION PHASE II – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AWARDED OF BID. Councilman Meyer asked if the pipe is plastic is that going to be a big deal. Mr. Woldt said that the pipe that is out there already is plastic. Mr. Woldt went on to explain that the only issue they have had out there is that the plastic pipe was trenched through but plastic pipe is easy to fix. Councilman Meyer said that he thought the bids came in really good fashion and came in way under what they had anticipated. Mr. Woldt said there was a lot of interest and everyone is looking for work. Mr. Woldt stated that if you approve this to please state, as long as the TIF attorney agrees with the financing. The information has been sent to the TIF attorney but has not been in touch yet with us. We can approve the bid but will not sign any contracts until the TIF attorney contacts us with his thoughts. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Schweers to approve the recommendation from JEO for Penro Construction out of Pender, Nebraska with a bid amount of \$1,253,018.72 and to make sure we have approval from our TIF attorney to make sure the bid will work in the TIF (Tax Increment Financing). Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – D. SALMEN. Doug Salmen, Chief of Police did not have the monthly police activities report ready at this time.

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. Mr. Woldt reminded everyone of the WCD/City strategic meeting that will be held at the Wisner Pilger Elementary School library at 9:00 AM on Saturday. Mr. Woldt informed the council of a couple of items that had happened since last meeting. The first thing was a water main break by the old water tower. The line broke where they capped it and should of went back a few more feet and capped the line at the tee, but the piece that was capped pushed out and blew apart. It is now capped at the right spot. The last thing item was the city guys dug in gas service to the old Subway building for the new Mexican restaurant that will be going in and while digging they could smell gas. The alley was searched for the leak for a couple of days and discovered an inch and a quarter main was leaking that was not on their gas maps. The leak was fixed and the map was updated. Mr. Woldt said that he will be leaving February 5th for vacation and will be back February 25th. Mr. Woldt said that he should be able to be reached by phone if he is needed.
- B. Councilman Schweers attended the NDOT meeting out at the school and discussed some items. Sounds like some trees maybe coming out soon to get started on the project. West of town will be started first. Schweers said that Eighteenth Street will be moved over and there will be a turn lane at Dollar General. Mr. Woldt suggested that we should talk to the state to have them add a turning lane going to the dump. Schweers asked if the lift station is on the right of way. Mr. Woldt stated that it is on the states right of way but the city has a permit to occupy. Discussion was help who would possibly pay for the moving of the lift station on the east side of town. Mr. Woldt stated that the state checked with Love Signs to move our welcome sign on the west side of town, and the estimate came in at about \$20,000.00 to move the sign. Councilman Schweers asked when the four lane is done if a flashing light could be placed a block down from the pedestrian light to inform people when the light is going to change. Mr. Woldt said that it would probably be city expense. No parking will change.
- C. Councilman Barry stated that he will be having surgery and will not be able to make any of the council meetings in February.
- D. Mayor Soden had our school student in attendance tonight introduce himself. Gabe Liermann was thanked by Mayor Soden for attending tonight's meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025, AT 7:00 PM. At 7:16 PM moved by Schweers and seconded by Gobar that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on February 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the City Office. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer