

MINUTES-April 20, 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, April 20, 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 APRIL 6, 2026 REGULAR MEETING, CARE CENTER, CITY, & CITY/RURAL FIRE BOARD MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT, AND SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSE – BRU'S PACKAGE & LOUNGE – 05/23/2026 – WISNER-PILGER ALUMNI BANQUET – WISNER CITY AUDITORIUM – 10:00 AM TO 11:30 PM. Moved by Gobar and seconded by Meyer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - 6:01 PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER A ZONING DESIGNATION CHANGE FROM COMMERCIAL (C) TO RESIDENTIAL (R) WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WISNER, REQUESTED BY KEVIN MCCLURE, AS FOLLOWS: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA. Mayor Soden opened the public hearing at 6:01 PM and invited questions and comments from the public and council. With no questions or comments from the public or council, Mayor Soden closed the public hearing at 6:02 PM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1200 - ZONING DESIGNATION CHANGE FROM COMMERCIAL (C) TO RESIDENTIAL (R). Councilman Meyer introduced Ordinance No. 2026-1200, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISNER, CUMING COUNTY,

NEBRASKA, CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM COMMERCIAL (C) TO RESIDENTIAL (R) ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE 6TH PM., CUMING COUNTY, NEBRASKA; AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF WISNER, NEBRASKA; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM, moved by Councilwoman Gobar that the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended. Councilman Schweers second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, 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 2026-1200 was then read by title. Mayor Soden then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2026-1200 be passed and adopted?", and thereafter Councilman Meyer moved for final passage and Councilman Parker second said motion. Roll call: Ayes: Parker, Schweers, Meyer, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption having been approved by the Council, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2026-1200 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 – CITY OF WISNER AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 – ALMQUIST MALTZAHN GALLOWAY & LUTH, CPAS. Ms. Cannon started off by saying that the audit went very well and gave an unmodified opinion meaning the financial statements present fairly. The audit went very well. Ms. Cannon then went over the bench marks of the audited financials to compare where the city stands compared to other cities the size of Wisner and per Capita. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - POLICE DEPARTMENT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REMOVAL OF YIELD SIGNS AND REPLACING WITH STOP SIGNS AT 10 STREET AND AVENUE F. Chief Salmen stated that he has had two accidents at that intersection since he has been here. With the dentist office, the church, and the city staff, the parking has increased there. Changing the yield signs to stop signs, the police department can enforce the stop sign. Councilman Meyer stated that we should look over all of the intersections and see if there is more that should be changed. Changing to stop signs should get drivers to stop and look to make sure it is clear. Moved by Parker and seconded by Schweers to approve replacing the yield signs with stop signs at 10 Street and Avenue F. Roll call: Ayes: Schweers, Meyer, Parker, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ENHANCED (E911) EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE. Mrs. James stated that there were some changes done with the agreement between the towns and chiefs. They previously had that the county commissioners could end the agreement and they changed it back so that all four towns had a say if the E911 was going to be terminated. Fire Chief Eisenhower read it over and is satisfied with the agreement. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Gobar to approve the signing of the interlocal agreement with Enhanced (E911) Emergency Telephone Service for a period of five (5) years with an effective date starting July 1, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, Gobar. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - DINKLAGE GRANT – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WISNER PUBLIC LIBRARY’S DINKLAGE GRANT APPLICATION. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Parker to approve the Dinklage Grant Application submitted by the Wisner Public Library and to forward it onto the Dinklage Foundation for final approval. Roll call: Ayes: Meyer, Parker, Schweers, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - BUILDING PERMITS. Randy Woldt, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, stated he has two building permits at this time. First one is at 521 12 St. to build a handicap ramp and the last one is for 809 12 St. to expand his deck in the back.

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

- A. Councilwoman Gobar asked for an update on the position of the pool. Mrs. James said that we have not received any more applications since last meeting. Still at three applications. What do we need to do to increase applications? Suggestions were brought up to see if other area pools would share lifeguards. The city is also in need of a manager.
- B. Mr. Woldt stated that the water treatment plant was put on line today and everything is running like it should. In a few weeks everyone will have clean water. Mr. Woldt stated that he is having Otte Construction from Wayne come and look at the library building. It is starting to lose some pieces of the building.
- C. Councilman Schweers asked what the city is doing on the side of Wisner True Value. Mr. Woldt stated that some of the clay tile collapsed and a new basin will go in with plastic pipe to get it fixed.
- D. Councilman Meyer stated that the cemetery land that the city was looking into purchasing, the owners are wanting more money for it and Councilman Meyer would like this to be on the next agenda.
- E. Mayor Soden had the government student introduce herself. Charlie Jacobs was in attendance at tonight’s meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026, AT 6:00 PM. At 6:25 PM moved by Gobar and seconded by Parker that the City Council adjourn to meet in regular session on May 4, 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.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer