

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of January 06th, 2025

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Margaret Estrada called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- A. Welcome by Mayor Margaret Estrada
- B. Flag Salute Led by Council Member Frank Jaime

## **ROLL CALL:**

- A. Council Members in attendance: Chuck Stephen, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Oscar Gonzalez, Elizabeth Villa, and Caroline Solis.
- B. City Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Bob Clark (Via Zoom), Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Police: Alcazar.
- C. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, City Attorney Julie Norton (Via Zoom).

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Rita Alvarado motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Ken Workman seconded.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from December 16th, 2024, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called to approve the December 16th, 2024 meeting minutes. Council member Ken Workman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Council member Oscar Gonzalez seconded; motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda, approval of claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Rita Alvarado: Why did we move the bar codes? Who was spending on what? Mayor Margaret Estrada: Jeff can you answer that Alondra is out sick.

Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker: Honestly Rita I cannot tell you why there is no bar codes, but if you have questions I can point you to the right one.

Council member Rita Alvarado: well I had a question on why the public safety psychology what is that about

Police Alcazar: When an officer starts they are needing to take a psychology exam. A back ground check and physical check. State requires it.

Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

**Marla Hernandez:** I noticed on the last meeting you guys had a couple places get the liquor license, which is 15 places that are selling alcohol. We only have a few blocks of town it is not very much and most places are selling alcohol. That is not including Alans market, Hop town and Dollar store everything else is selling alcohol. Half of these people are homeless they started drinking or whatever and you guys want to get rid of all the drug problems and everything else we are still allowing people to get more liquor license. There is nothing here for the kids, to go to, do anything, the park is not being used but you guys will okay liquor licenses.

**Kiona Dick:** I want to talk on that a little more as well, I was a little concerned with the Fiddle's they are advertised as a coffee shop will that change to a bar now. International market their pricing are going down. The business going on based off alcohol selling to make it.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for YVCOG fillable 2025 TA Contract. Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker: 2024 we just spent just over 16,000.00 for the year for YVCOG it is not what we are support spend it is the cap we should receive. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve. Council member Jaime Frank seconded. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for License Up's Lounge. Mayor Margaret: Can you speak on this Bob? Fire Chief Bob Clark: Up's Lounge is Temptation's Lounge. They are by on by the first. They got the run through around September October. I say we give them a shot see what they can do. Council Member: What type of night club is it? Do you have any more information? Fire Chief Bob Clark: they are a sports bar. Council member Ken Workman made motion to table it. Have the owners to be at the next council meeting. Council member Oscar Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

#### **Fire Chief: Bob Clark**

I have been on medical for the last couple of weeks nothing new.  
Fire: 781 calls for service. Overdoses are going back up.

On a positive note the parade was a huge success.  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup> annual dinner was a success. Talked how we can benefit the community.

**Police: Alcazar**

For 2024 we had 3452 calls for service. Which is roughly 281 calls a month.

2025 we are at 41 calls.

We are located at the new location already and operating there.

**Council Member Chuck Stephen Comment:** As of January 21<sup>st</sup> that will be my last meeting. I will be stepping down from council so I wanted everyone know. After the next meeting I will be stepping down.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to adjourn. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Alondra Juarez Interim Clerk