

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of January 21st, 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-Absent, Elizabeth Villa-Absent, and Caroline Solis.
- B. City Staff in attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Police Chief Craig Janis
- C. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Caroline Solis motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from January 06th, 2024, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called to approve the January 06th, 2024 meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded; motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda, approval of claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Caroline Solis made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Judy Canopu: I'm just wanting to address you Mr. Janis and tell you you're 100% and more than you give my community is not unnoticed. Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Annual Harvest Festival Approval. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**Interim Clerk: Alondra Juarez**

I just would like to inform council we got the city web fixed and also still currently working with the state auditors I have a meeting with them tomorrow at 11:00am. Working on my annual report still trying to get that done and updated.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

What Alondra is talking about the auditors that is the risk assessment is about a 15 questioner, I believe you Mayor you are scheduled for one which is later that week. That is an over the phone meeting that will finish with the auditors. We finished our last TIB Alondra saw that brought into the city transportation improvement board deposited \$522,000.00 into the city checking this morning we were pleased to see that. There is more coming for this New Year for 2025 Well 5 treatment the design is just about wrapped up early, early design and we will have engineers bring to council to present. I like to take time and acknowledge Judy she came up with a great idea called a heat strap we call them a glove carry. Firemen have to rip their gloves off and so do public works and they get lost all the time. Judy stepped up and made sure that all departments have clips for their gloves and their coats. Those were distributed within the staff starting tomorrow.

Police: Craig Janis

I wanted to let everyone know that our overdoses are down. We are only at 4 I can't take credit for that I don't know what really attributes to that but thankfully they're down which is what we wanted to see. For the last two weeks we had 247 calls for service. 99 of those were traffic stops that we initiated. That may be a part of it, being more proactive I have asked the officers to step it up and does not mean we are handing out 99 tickets but we are out there and letting know the community that we are here. We are short staff still down an officer. We are in the new police department everything is working there shouldn't be an issue getting ahold of us.

Mayor Message/Council Discussion:

I recently went to a meeting and all councils are having work sessions before their council meeting which helps if you have questions about the agenda anything that we need to prepare you for that you have not gotten educated on so I think we need to be thinking about that. What it is well do our work session and then right into our council meeting and I know Yakima has been doing it for a while, Granger does it, Sunnyside,

Zillah so that may be something that way we can ask more question with department heads on what is on the agenda. Chuck's last day and if any council members asking they are needing to drop off a letter of interest to City Hall.

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.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Alondra Juarez Interim Clerk