

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of February 03rd, 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: Position One is open, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Oscar Gonzalez, Elizabeth Villa, and Caroline Solis.
- B. City Staff in attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Fire Chief Bob Clark, 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 Rita Alvarado motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Ken Workman seconded; motion carried.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from January 21st, 2024, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called to approve the January 21st, 2024 meeting minutes. Council member Ken Workman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded; motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

**Ken Lawrence:** I used to be back here in 2015, District 3 downtown City Council. Now I'm here in front of you guys just asking just for some help and any ideas. I want to start a business a small business, anywhere with you guys help maybe having a small display area and maybe even a secondary like a little pizzeria like a chain with Little Caesars. Don't really think there is too much out there and I'm just kind of hoping you guys might have some ideas first before I really start taking the next step and that's about it.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for CDBG Public Hearing Approval. Tim from Gray Osborne Engineering we have been working with the City of Wapato and Department of Commerce to apply for these funds as you all know I'm sure French Lane was constructed a few years ago and currently the east end is a dead end. Kateri Lane was constructed a while before that and the north end is a dead end. So basically we are looking to connect those two and punch the road all the way through so that the Inspire Building and then the additional housing will have two point of ingress and egress. Along with the sidewalk. Put together an application costed \$761,500.00 and this public hearing is part of the process that's required. So if anyone has any comments or questions now would be the time.
- B.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Change of Right-Of-Way Kateri Lane. Tim from Gray Osborne Engineering, French Lane to Kateri Lane there is a little misalignment with the right away so the road needs to realigned and part of that is getting right of way from the Catholic Charity Side, the west side of Kateri Lane so that is basically that been prepared the legal description and exhibit. Left side of the road so that I can actually be connected from Kateri Lane to French Lane. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried.
- C.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval of Union Contract Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried.
- D.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval of Scheduling of Public Hearing Rezone 4701 North Track Rd. Bob Chief: What I'm asking for you tonight is to set a public hearing for the next council meeting, which should be two weeks from tomorrow the 18<sup>th</sup> for 4701 North Track Rd. Currently that property is a residential 2 and what they wanted the owners want to do is put a 3 story triplex and it comes very close to meeting all the requirements. The main one that it needs is there is 50% lot coverage under an R2. This project is going to 57% so 7% difference so that is why we are needing to do a rezone from an R2 to an R3. So that is the purpose of the public hearing. So in the next council meeting you will have the documentation that will explain that in length. Notices have been sent out to the property owners as well as notice in the Yakima Herald already, I'm requesting a public hearing for the next meeting please. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker**

I just want to elaborate a little bit more on the CDBG. We've already had one meeting that is community block grant, which the keyword on that is grant there is no portion paid. It's there a 100% grant package for the city, there isn't no 5% city cost or anything. We've already met with them via Zoom, one time this is the second phase. I'm very confident this should move ahead and it meets all requirements. That 700,000.00+ will finalize all of French Lane to Kateri Lane. I'll bring forward a motion once completion or close to completion. It's a heavily, children, foot traffic, a lot, you got schools, grade schools, you got new housing, and you got apartments there. I'm going to be asking council upon completion of that stretch connecting the two roads to take it from one end to the other to 20 mile an hour zones full time. There's too many kids that will be running and playing around between those points and it should be a 20 mile an hour zone at all times. So that is all I have for today.

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

I'm glad to be back with you in person. I wanted to address the fire at Council man Gonzalez's house on January 14<sup>th</sup>. I wanted to give thanks to Yakima County Fire District 5, City of Toppenish and the City of Yakima for their assistance on that. For the month of January we had 66 calls compare to 63 last January. We continue to see upticks so it has slowed down a little bit. Animal control we did take 3 animals in the month of January. We are going to see more residential and commercial new construction this year. Wapato is very vibrant right now we got a lot of stuff coming. It's an exciting time so we're looking forward to that.

### **Chief Police: Craig Janis**

For the month of January we have 378 calls just shy of 400 calls Again we're seeing that downward trend. Overdoses we had 10 total for the month. We're picking up on our traffic stops, being out there a little more visible. We've been down one officer, the first part of March it looks like we're going to be down 2 more. It's nothing we've done it's just that taking a job with another agency that pays a lot more money than we do. I think there is 10 applicants that are going be interviewed on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Those will be done without me I won't have anything to do I'll have other agencies give me an initial final to make the selection. There's still a slight possibility we may get a lateral. Did everyone get a chance to take a look at the memo that I put out the twenty-eight. Does anyone have any questions?

### **Mayor Message/Council Discussion:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Alondra Juarez Interim Clerk