

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of March 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 vacant, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Oscar Gonzalez, Elizabeth Villa, and Caroline Solis.
City Staff in attendance: Interm Clerk: Alondra Juarez, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker-Absent, Fire Chief Bob Clark, And Police Chief Craig Janis.
- B. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

Chief Janis presented plank to Lacy and Jasmine.

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 Frank Jaime seconded; motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from February 18th, 2025, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called to approve the February 18th, 2025 meeting minutes. Council member Caroline Solis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Council member Ken Workman 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 made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Bewley: Owner operator with Mc Donald's looking forward to come to Wapato. Very excited and it's been a project been under wraps for a while I'm here to support you and the community as well as what we can do. I have reached out to the Police Chief and been nothing but helpful to what the needs of the community are. I'm right down the road in Yakima so I'm not very far. I just wanted to introduce myself.

Frances: I have couple of announcements one is that the American Legends will be having our monthly dinner on the 14th of March from 5:00-7:00pm on the menu is lasagna, it's open to the public anyone can come. My second announcement is that the knights of Columbus is sponsoring a benefit for Noah's Ark is a spaghetti dinner and auction on Sunday the 16th of March from 12:00-4:00pm at the Filipino American Hall. \$10 for one person \$40 for family. I hope you come and join us.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Renewal Liquor License approval Wapato Mart considered Xpress Mart. No comment from Chief Janis. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to approve. Council member Oscar Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Liquor License approval International Market. One citation in the fall for selling to a minor. Council member Ken Workman made motion to approve. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Mayor Margaret Estrada Drone Purchase, Chief Janis: Last year we received a grant from Legends Casino in the amount of 13,500.00 that was going to be used for a vehicle purchase which we were not able to get the other half for the vehicle I spoke to legends and asked to use for drone purchase and equipment for our vehicles and they approved that. That will be the money to utilize. Council member Ken Workman: Does that put us short for a vehicle now? Chief Janis: No does not that will be for a future agenda we are staffed and have enough vehicles. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Interm Clerk: Alondra Juarez

I would like to announce that I'm already getting started to complete the annual report for 2024 I have to get that done this month. Finalizing some monthly reports along with our state audit I'm still working with them. They will be in office on Wednesday. Also spring is coming up and meeting up with Rod this week, I know cemetery is working on temps for services that were done in the winter to get caught up for memorial weekend. Along with weekly cleanup I will have more information once I met with Rod.

Council Member Rita Alvarado: Did you ever figure out what happen on the check register on why the bar codes are no longer showing.

Alondra: I can go ahead and add that to the report.

Chief Fire: Bob Clark

Animal Control: We took in 2. Increase in building in residential and commercial in the next few months I anticipate building permits no less than 16 new families in town. As well as two commercial one that we heard earlier, Mc Donald's is coming to town and as well as Little Caesars.

Fire Department: Last year February 27 calls this February 62 calls. 130% increase. We are seeing a lot of calls variety. Increase in calls.

2025 contribution act for grant for Legends Casino, we are waiting from fima grant.

Finally one of our fire fighters Jordan is going to represent the City of Wapato in Seattle Leukemia Fundraiser. They climb the Columbia tower. Jordan is doing a Fundraiser a hot dog this Friday from 4:00-8:00pm at the station if you like to come supports him.

Chief Police: Craig Janis

170 service calls in the last two weeks and 130 of those calls were reportable. One of the things that I would like to highlight is that overdoses are still considerably down we've had 3. Three still too many but I will take 3 over the 60 we've had previously. As seen on social media got with some folks from Noak's Ark and cleaned up the alleys. We are going to continue to do this. I would like to do it and paint over some graffiti is they would like to donate some paint we would like to go out and paint over some graffiti. Make the city look more presentable.

This weekend we had a shooting, the father was glazed in the arm we are not giving up and working on this case.

Working on second grant for Legends Casino.

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 Ken Workman seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Alondra Juarez Interim Clerk

