

# CITY OF WAPATO

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

## **ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA:**

- A. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for council position one sworn in for Robert Reyna.
- B. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for new police officer to be sworn in by Chief Janis.

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Mayor Margaret made additions to agenda on new business on informational from YVCOG for City of Wapato parks and recreations plan. Council member Rita Alvarado motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Frank Jaime seconded; motion carried.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from April 07th, 2025, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called to approve the April 07th, 2025 meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado 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 questioned clarification for check register call out for sewer. Jeff: alarm call outs that is upsetting and backing up.

Alarms everywhere, call out is we are contracted to pay 2 hours does not matter what time of day. Council member Rita Alvarado: so in 3,000 call outs is \$3048.00? Jeff: Yes it was bad, bad, and extremely bad. We went through every last line of it Margaret did I did and went through and reviewed every video that everyone showed up and beyond. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Zeneida:** I have an update. We have received three grants one was from Lowes that is for about \$300 dollars which was really cool and they gave the students a bunch of tools and wagon. The next one is from wilco which was also \$300 dollars which is also really appreciated we need support for the garden, we also received a grant from the Latino community fund which was about \$30k which is that is also really exciting because we get to meet a lot the goals. Our goal is to make the community garden accessible to people. I have been doing this for about three years now I want more active involvement from the council and it's just me out there I do get individuals out there. I do cc Jeff in everything.

**Frances:** American Legion will have the monthly dinner it is open to the public. Annual 19<sup>th</sup> Easter egg Hunt at 1:00pm. Stuffing Easter Eggs on the 12<sup>th</sup> volunteers are welcomed and donations are welcomed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for public meeting parks plan. Public hearing for next council meeting May 5<sup>th</sup>. After that it will provided to the Washington State department commerce. After adoption then that will open to get grants from vary. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

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

Calls for service is down it is at 154 calls. We had two overdoses over the last weeks. We are to get 3 more officers by June and we would be fully staffed.

**Interim Clerk: Alondra Juarez**

I would like to announce that we are working to complete and finalize the audit with the state auditors. Hoping for the first week of May. I'm still working on reconcile some months.

**Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker**

Would like to take the time to say thank you this is my last council meeting. I am officially retired next week. I appreciate all the council members all department heads and staff. 27 years on the job.

**Chief Fire: Bob Clark**

Animal Control: aggressive dog had left residence and owner did not know how it did. Was able to catch it without anyone getting hurt this is a reminder to lock and close your gates.

Code Enforcement: Spring is here and we are people are wanting to do repairs and upgrades.

Fire Department: 42 calls for service. 10:34pm there was a fire. 500 apple bins on fire. Power lines were damaged.

**Mayor Message/Council Discussion:****ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Alondra Juarez Interim Clerk

