

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of December 02nd, 2024

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: Interim Clerk Alondra Juarez, Fire Chief Bob Clark, Police Chief: Craig Janis
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from November 18th, 2024, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called to approve the November 18th, 2024 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. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Chuck Stephen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. French Lane Plat:** Summary of proposed sub remission, the administrative presents the following project description the advocate is proposing by approximate 14,110 square feet parcel into two lots in approximately 7055 square feet each. French lane has recently approved the city standards including extension of the city water and sewer and there was also a recent boundary line adjustment that resulted in the proper size division. Jurisdiction in process there is no need for review in the subdivision so that is not completed for this project. The proposed action is being processed as a short sub division in accordance with Wapato municipal code 1615. Wapato municipal code 1903010 provides

further review over pulmonary short sub division by the Wapato Plat commission. When no plat commission is present it allows for the city council to evaluate and decide on the approval and the conditions of the proposal. For the processing time application was submitted on September 09th notice of application sent out November 12th had a 10 day comment period. No comment was received, we are having the public hearing this evening. Required improvements have been made, general street improvements, conclusion the public hearing was satisfied. The public use will be served. Summary of staff report. Closing this at 7:07pm.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for propose earlier start time for council meetings. Motioned denied.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for 2025 Yakima Humane Society Contract approval. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve. Council member Ken Workman second. Motion carried.
- B. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for TIB Grant approval. Council member Jaime Frank made motion to approve. Council member Chuck Stephen second. Motion carried.
- C. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Cell Tower Lease Agreement approval. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve. Council member Jaime Frank second. Motion carried.
- D. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for Marsh & McLennan approval. No vote for this, already in active. Another bill that the city faces.
- E. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval for French Lane Short Plat approval. Council member Ken Workman made motion to approve. Council member Caroline Solis second. Motion carried.

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

We have received email from our IT servers, advised to update our server. What we have at City Hall is eight years old and advise us to update. Quote was sent to us and we will review this week. State auditors this week coming up with an update. We have partnered with DCYF that they will be taking donations a box is at City Hall.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker:

Would like council to approve another workshop to this week coming with a wrap up of budget.

Fire Chief: Bob Clark

Animal control: Very busy month, took in 12 animals. A lot of these are injured animals.

Code enforcement: Late spring early summer for Little Caesar's to open. Continue to work with property owners with graffiti encourage property owners if they see something to cover as soon as possible. Avoids rivals to write over it.

Fire department: Calls For Service: 79, up 10%. 39 overdoses of the 79 calls. Things have settled down a bit. It is not gone but it has mellowed down. Christmas light parade is Monday December 16th meeting will be around 5:30pm and start at 6pm.

Finally Christmas fire department party will be December 18th at 6:00pm here at the community center. Would like to invite the council and a guest.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Alondra Juarez Interim Clerk