

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of February 5, 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 Stephens, Rita Alvarado - Excused Absence, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Oscar Gonzalez, Elizabeth Villa – Excused Absence, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Interim Clerk Alisia Sanches, Fire Chief Bob Clark – Excused Absence, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker. Interim Police Chief Mike Deccio – Excused Absence, Officer Alcazar, Officer Molineux.
- c. Others that were present: Via zoom Attorney Julie Norton, Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

Public Hearing:

None

MEETING AGENDA:

Additions & Deletions. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Chuck Stephens a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from January 16, 2024, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the January 16th meeting minutes. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve meeting minutes from January 16th. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Oscar Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Kiona Dick – Wapato Lions Club - Wanted to let the community know that they are planning on the upcoming of the Annual Harvest Festival on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024, and is requesting the support from the City of Wapato. Kiona Dick, can be contacted on the day of the event at 509-877-0423. Frances Ayres can be contacted for the Harvest Festival parade at 509-877-2363.

LaDon Linde – Yakima County Commissioner – Wanted to check in on the well 5 & improvements progress. Yakima County made a potential disbursement of ARPA funds of \$750,000.00 to help with the improvements. Stephanie Truex from Yakima County in the finance department will be in contact with the status and make sure the contract gets completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Nancy Wetch – Gray & Osbourne – Wastewater facility plan and nutrient optimization assessment.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark

- * None

Interim Clerk: Alisia Sanches

- * Introduction, and will be taking on as Interim Clerk for the city.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

- * Due to the freezing weather in the past few weeks, it caused a lot of broken lines around the city including fire lines, residence, and businesses which is the main reason for a lot of overtime hours at the public works department.
- * Jeff Schumacker also mentioned that the public works shop was broken into. Catalytic Converters were taken as well as tools, computer gear for their trucks, Keys, and propane tanks. Totaling a loss of \$35,000.00 which the city is currently working with the insurance company.

Interim Police Chief: Officer Arthur Alcazar, Officer Kyle Molineux

- * Wapato Police Department is working on the public works shop break in case and are monitoring the case.
- * Adrain Ramirez is heading off to Academy in Pasco in the next month. Officer Molineux just graduated with FTO. Officer Fairbrook is back.
- * Interim Chief Deccio, Sargent Beckwith, Officer Lawther, and Officer Fairbook completed training in Moses Lake.

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. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Alisia Sanches, Interim Clerk