

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of April 15, 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, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Oscar Gonzalez-excuse, Elizabeth Villa, and Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Interim Clerk Alondra Juarez, Fire Chief Bob Clark-absent, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker. Interim Police Chief Mike Deccio.
- c. Others that were present: Attorney Julie Norton, Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, Police Chief Craig Janis.

Public Hearing:

None

MEETING AGENDA:

Additions & Deletions. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Rita Alvarado motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from April 6th, 2024, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the April 6th meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve meeting minutes from April 6th. Council member Carolina Solis 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 Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jason Carbajal- Is currently a Wapato resident, requesting for a skate park to be added in the City Parks he brought in petition with signatures. Carbajal is requesting a skatepark to provide for children in the community.

Dan Davido- Vice president at the Filipino community, wanted to personally thank all council members that participated in the fundraiser they had. He wants the city to start and promote an international district.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval on Ordinance for rezone of subject parcel from R-1 to R13 at 225 W Elizabeth. Council member Rita Alvarado motioned to approve. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried. Jeff Schumacker Spoke about Well 5 filtrations to filter out manganese and iron to improve the water quality before it goes out for service. Mayor Margarete Estrada called to approve on Gray and Osborne Well 5 Proposal approval. Council member Jaime Frank motion to approve. Council member Carolina Solis seconded.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval for letter of agreement by and between the City of Wapato and teamsters local 760- Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval for the agreement. Council member Frank Jaime motioned to approve. Council member Carolina Solis Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approval for Ordinance adopting parking code changes- The mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Approval on Police Chief appointment- Mayor Margaret Estrada called for approval. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve. Council member Carolina Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Interim Clerk: Alondra Juarez

- * City Hall staff working on producing water efficiency reports with Gray and Osborn. Meet on April 12th, 2024.
- * Elderly & disable low-income applications have been mailed out, they will be due May 31st, 2024.
- * Landlord license renewal forms were mailed out and will be due on May 1st to avoid any penalties.

Fire Chief: Bob Clark

- * Animal control- 9 animals have been picked up for the month of March. 3 Animals have been picked up this month so far.
- * Code enforcement- We have received an application for variance for Mr. Guadalupe Flores at 209 W 7th St. Mr. Flores wants to erect a sunshade on his front yard at the recommendation of the state of Washington for his childcare. The building plan review process continues on the first 10 houses for the French lane project.
- * Fire department- 49 calls for service for the month of march, decrease in calls by 3. Percentage decrease 6%.
- * The Grant application for Yakima Nation Legend Casino Grant has been submitted. Request for grant was a total of \$ 48,500 for duty vehicles, gear and radios.
- * Safer grant from FEMA has been Submitted. This grant will fully fund a firefighter for three years. Grant is Value at \$22,719.00. The award letter will be sent out in September- December.
- * April 30th and May 2nd will be the annual exit drills in the home presentation for approximately 250 second graders at Camas and Simcoe Elementary school.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

- * The Naches Ave movement has begun. The first face was moving gas lines. Power polls will be the next move in Naches Ave. That area will be flagged down to reduce the speed limit for safety.
- * Wapato High school welding class will be making metal benches for the city. The benches will be placed along the pathway at the park. The plan is to also have some benches placed downtown.
- * Bids have been completed for the Auto seal project.
- * Preparing to start bids announcements for North Ahtanum road.
- * The outhouse the city provided near Noas Arc has been removed due to the high amount of drug usage. It is too risky for the employees that go in to clean, outhouse is always full of foils.
- * Wapato community garden will also have the Wapato high school build garden beds, Zenaida is looking for volunteers.

Interim Police Chief: Michele Deccio

Wapato Police department has responded to 117 calls for service. 50 of those calls in result of arrest. Officers have been involved in vehicle pursuit which was in result of a stolen vehicle. The pursuit continued all the way to Klickitat County where the suspect was arrested.

- * Officer Molineux has accepted a position with the Yakima police department. Will be leaving us at the end of the month.
- * Officer Ramirez has been progressing and is expected to graduate from the police academy in July 2024.

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.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Alisia Sanches, Interim Clerk