

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of June 3rd , 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, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Oscar Gonzalez, Elizabeth Villa, and Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Interim Clerk Alondra Juarez, Fire Chief Bob Clark- absent, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker. Police Officer: David Beckwith
- c. Others that were present: 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 Caroline Solis motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Chuck Stephen's seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from June 3rd ,2024, were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the June 3rd meeting minutes. Council member Jaime Frank made a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 6th. Council member Chuck Stephen's seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Ken Workman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Jaime Frank seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Gina Ramos- Would like to thank Jeff Schumacher for putting up the flags in the city for Memorial Day. Also wanted to thank the cemetery crew did a good job keeping the cemetery clean

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Officer Beckwith spoke on liquors license for compadres sports bar. Received 28 calls over the last year at Compadres Sports Bar. Out of those calls two were weapon offenses, one overdose, and a domestic. Compadres tend to not call 911 when incidents occur. The Police Department has had incidents where they are contacted by outside callers. DUI's and fights occur inside the bar. Officer Beckwith would like to ask council if they decide to approve the liquor license, for it to be kept on probation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Interim Clerk: Alondra Juarez

* The Audit with the state Auditors has begun, they have requested for minutes and agenda for 2020,2021, 2022, and 2023. They will be looking at budgets and expenses. Will continue to work with Auditors and provide all the information or request they might have.

Fire Chief: Bob Clark

* Animal control- 14 animals have been picked up for the month of May. Humane society has allowed us to house above our allotment this month.

* Code- Spoke with the Inspire Development engineers, looking over at the plans. Planning on breaking ground to start Building on February or March of next year. Graffiti continues to be a battle in town. Will continue to speak with businesses and residents if they see any graffiti on their property to cover it up as soon as they can.

* Fire department- 64 calls for service for the month of May. 185 for the year. Would also like to announce, last Wednesday the fire department received a check from the Legends Casino Grant for \$23,500.00. That is the biggest check the City of Wapato has received from the Casino Grant. That will go towards a duty vehicle. Last Friday the Fire department spend all day at the elementary schools for career fair. Tomorrow they will

have 100 second graders come into the fire department and show them the trucks and equipment.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

- * Jeff would like to congratulate Bob Clark on the award grant. Will continue to apply for grants, currently have another grant application in progress, we are waiting to hear back on that. Naches a \$800,000.00 grant, is a project that will start, residents are going to see that street work in three weeks. Working at City Hall and having meet with City Mayor to review Budgets, will be meeting with police and fire Chief to go over budget. Encourage them to continue to apply for grants for the departments. Mayor Margaret Estrada spoke about the benefit of the budget freeze, it helped the city. Jeff recommends continuing to only do emergency purchases. Council member Oscar Gonzalez asked for update on North Ahtanum road, Jeff informed council he expects bids to be coming up real soon. He will be having three projects in progress at the same time. Is hoping to pace them two months from each other. Council member Ken Workman is concern about the shoulders of the north track road. Jeff informs the council it will be a project that will take more time in the city as it is a big project. Can try to patch the street, there is no funding for North track road, but will have to look for fundings.

Police Officer: David Beckwith

- * 285 cases with 376 calls for service, of dose, 8 overdoses, 16 domestic and two calls that resulted in arrest and 8 assaults. The department received two grants, one from the Washington auto theft prevention authority for \$26,000.00 to cover 8 additional flock cameras for two years. Also received a grant for \$13,000.00 from Legend Casino that will go towards a new vehicle.

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

Alondra Juarez Interim Clerk