

CITY OF WAPATO
Regular Council Meeting – Council
Chambers Minutes of April 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Alvarez-Roa called the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, March 5, 2019 to order at 9:00 am.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation
- c. Welcome

ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Those in attendance included Mayor Dora Alvarez-Roa, Council members, Ralph Sanchez, Joel Torres, Chuck Stevens, Barbara Perez, Keith Workman, Irasema Gonzalez- Cantu, and Brinda Quintanilla- Bautista.
- b. Absent: None.
- c. City Staff Present: City Clerk- Treasurer Kimberly Grimm, Police Chief Dominic Rizzi, Sgt. Michael Campos, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Council Member Joel Torres motioned to approve the Minutes of the March 2019 Council Meeting.

Discussion: Councilmember Quintanilla-Bautista adjournment votes were incorrect & that she, Councilman Workman, and Councilman Stevens agreed to adjourn the meeting. Mayor called motion to approve recommended amendments to minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Alvarez- Roa called for motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Councilmember Perez motioned. Councilmen Sanchez seconded. Motion carried with 3 descending votes: Workman, Stevens, and Quintanilla- Bautista.

POWERPOINT:

Councilmember Perez presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Contract for Prosecuting Attorney Theodore Schott: Councilmen Torres motions,

Councilmen Sanchez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Contract for City Attorney Ogden Murphy Wallace: Councilmen Sanchez motioned, Councilmen Torres seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion: Councilmen Stevens asked when will they be hired. Mayor said as soon as their contract is approved and signed. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Contract Extension for Molly Matters: Councilmember Perez motioned. Councilmen Sanchez seconded. Discussion: Stevens asks why the city needs a voters rights lawyer. Mayor explained previous election had some votes that were not counted and the city wants to ensure that in the upcoming election the same issue doesn't arise. Motion carries with three descending votes : Workman, Stevens, and Quintanilla-Bautista.
- d. Closing Lift Station: Councilmen Torres motions, councilmember Perez seconded. Motion carries unanimously.
- e. BDI Contract Amendment: Councilmen Stevens motions, Councilmember Gonzalez-Cantu seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Building Inspector: councilmen Torres motions, councilmember Perez seconded. Discussion: Workman asked if he was the owner of impact construction. Mayor said he was and explained its temporary until position is filled. Councilmen Sanchez motions, councilmen Perez seconded. Motion carries with three descending votes: Workman, Stevens, and Quintanilla- Bautista.

ADMIN. REPORTS:

- a. City Clerk- Treasurer: Ms. Kimberly Grimm discusses AP amendment. Paid most of outstanding bills from 2018, reduced amount of expenditures by almost \$500,000. Re-investing extra funds into LGIP.
- b. Public Safety: 2 new hired at PD for admin. Duties. 2 in field training. 1 at the academy. Totaling in 9 officers including Chief Dominic Rizzi.
- c. Public Works: Jeff Schumacher says Trader St., North Wapato, and 1st St projects are closing out. Waiting on parts to replace electrical panel by baseball field. Cemetery upkeep continues.
- d. Mayor: Positive changes in community: wellness group and anger management at the community center.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Susan Terry: Has seen town go down in last 25 years. All she see's not are promises made and kept by Mr. Orozco. Swimming pool being swam in again. All improvements in this community. Wants to see accountability to those that let this

City dilapidate.

Bill Nicicio: Thank you to Mr. Orozco for Lower water rates & filled potholes and made the city beautiful.

Ido Gonzalez: Wants to Thank Mr. Orozco for fixing the cemetery. Talks about the changes in the city. Thinks the lawsuits are ridiculous.

Ray Hernandez: tells council to stop thinking about themselves.

Kiona Dick: Says powerpoint should have been done at the end of last year. Great to see pool but does the city have the money to operate it.

Manuel Aramble: Works for school district for 25 years. Wants to turn the negative into the positive. Councilmembers need to stick together even though they don't agree. Has kids asking to have a boxing club.

Danae Pugh: Says the old Wapato became dirty and felt disgusting to live in. the pool is not open bringing back the highlight of Wapato. Thank you mayor for making Wapato beautiful again and for making a safe place for the kids so they aren't running the streets.

George Perea: City now has a beautiful pool and high school. Our future is all about the kids. He believes we are doing good because the town was going downhill.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Councilmen Joel Torres to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez- Cantu. Motion carries unanimously.

Dora Alvarez Roa, Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer