

CITY OF WAPATO
Regular Council Meeting – Telephonic Due to
COVID Minutes of July 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Temp Estrada called the Telephonic Regular Council Meeting of Monday July 6, 2020 to order.

- a. Welcome

ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Those in attendance included Council members Margaret Estrada, Chuck Stevens, Ralph Sanchez, Caroline Solis, Frances Ayres
- b. Absent: Mayor Keith Workman, Jesse Farias, Judy Owens
- c. City Staff Present: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Fire Chief Bob Clark; Clerk/Treasurer Kim Grimm.
- d. City Staff Absent: none
- e. Also present were Julie Norton, City of Wapato Legal Counsel, Lex Talamo, Yakima Herald, Stormy Miller, Minute Taker

ANNOUNCEMENT: Pursuant to Proclamation No. 20-28, issued by Governor Jay Inslee, In-person or physical attendance is not permitted at this time. Therefore, the public’s ability to “attend” this meeting is through remote access only. There will be no public comment period during this meeting.

It was stated that the Mayor suggested that Margaret Estrada should act as the Mayor Pro Temp in order to facilitate the meeting and other necessary matters. Motion was made to accept Margaret Estrada as Mayor Pro Temp by Chuck Stevens and was seconded by Caroline Solis. Ralph Sanchez opposed. Motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Temp Estrada called for approval of the consent agenda as presented. Caroline Solis made motion for approval of payroll and vouchers. Chuck Stevens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Establish a flexibility in city policies and procedures to enable the Mayor and City Staff to basically approve transactions and view what needs to be done during the period of pandemic in the event council meeting are not possible, or the final approval by council is not possible. Motion made by Ralph Sanches and seconded by Frances Ayers. Discussion was held and passed unanimously.

- a. Settlement and Release Agreement- Resolution 2020-5 and 2020-6 Julie Norton presented the Settlement and Release Agreement between the City of Wapato and Eric Hood. Mayor Pro Temp Estrada called for Motion to Approve the Settlement and Release Agreement with Eric Hood. Chuck Stevens made a motion to approve and Caroline Solis Seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Agreement for Prosecution Services (with Margita Dornay) Julie Norton presented that the City of Wapato will be in need of a Temporary Prosecutor as the current prosecutor is ending on July 10, 2020. Mayor Pro Temp Estrada called for a Motion to approve the Month to Month Agreement for interim prosecution services with Margita Dornay. Chuck Stevens made motion to approve, Caroline Solis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Surplus Vehicle Discussion: Police Chief Wentz and Fire Chief Clark presented that they wanted to surplus the 2015 Yukon Denali and the 2016 Chevrolet Impala. And further to surplus the other remaining vehicles. Motion was made by Chuck Stevens and seconded by Margaret Estrada to pass Resolution 2020-5 and 2020-6. Motion to Surplus the vehicles passed unanimously.
- d. Approval agreement for the Chief of Police. Mayor has the right to appoint a Chief of Police. Nolan Wentz has been offered a contract. Motion made by Chuck Stevens, Seconded by Frances Ayres. Carried unanimously.
- e. Approval agreement for the Fire Chief who will also double as Code Enforcement. Bob Clark is current fire chief, and this will expand his duties to include animal control, as well as, Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer. Motion made by Caroline Solis, Seconded by Margaret Estrada. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME to Resolve Grievance Julie Norton presented the Out of Class pay issue with Magda Maes. Mayor Pro Temp Estrada presented the motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME to resolve the Out of class payment grievance as presented. Chuck Stevens made motion to Approve and Frances Ayres seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Ralph Sanches brought up the issue about being paid. Was told to speak to City Clerk and he said that he has and it has not been resolved. Julie Norton said for him to call her.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Pro Temp Mayor Margaret Estrada to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Chuck Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Caroline Solis. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor Pro Temp

Clerk-Treasurer