

CITY OF WAPATO
Regular Council Meeting – Telephonic Due to
COVID Minutes of September 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Keith Workman called the Telephonic Regular Council Meeting of Monday September 21, 2020 to order.

- a. Welcome

ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Those in attendance included Council members Margaret Estrada, Ralph Sanchez, Caroline Solis, Frances Ayres
- b. Absent: Chuck Stevens
- 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, Judy Deval, recorder.

Mayor Keith Workman brought up that Position 6 on the City Council is vacant and he is asking that anyone that is interested in the position submit a letter of interest. Must be a resident of the City of Wapato.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Keith Workman called for approval of the consent agenda as presented. CM Estrada made motion for approval of payroll and vouchers. CM Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Fire Department is purchasing a new 2020 Ford 150 Crew Cab 4x4 truck for use by the Fire Chief. Fire Chief Bob Clark made a presentation detailing the problems with the current 17-year old fire truck and how he did an extensive search to find an appropriate vehicle. Attorney Julie Norton stated that under this emergency situation, it allows for exception to the bidding process on how the vehicle is purchased.

Mayor Keith Workman asked for a Motion to approve the Resolution to Purchase a new 2020 Ford 150 Crew Cab 4x4 truck as presented. **Motion:** to approve purchase of the 2020 Ford 150 Crew Cab 4x4 truck as presented was made by CM Caroline Solis and seconded by CM Jesse Farias.

- b. The City of Wapato is part of the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for certain technical planning assistance. The Conference possesses the technical planning staff with the necessary expertise to provide the necessary services.

Keith Workman asked for a Motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments as presented. **Motion:** to approve the Professional Services Agreement with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments as presented was made by CM Caroline Solis and seconded by CM Margaret Estrada.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CLERK/TREASURER: Kim Grimm stated that she submitted the 2018 and 2019 reports to the Auditor. She is finishing up on balancing 2020. We are up to date and waiting for requests from Auditor's Office since we are now officially in the audit cycle.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Wentz stated that officers Lounsbury and Reese will have to wait until November 3, 2020 to go to the Academy. Contract negotiations with the Teamsters is ongoing and initial proposal has been made and negotiations are continuing. Lexipol policies continue to be updated and will be made part of policies in the near future. Noah's Ark is making progress. Still waiting until they meet standards. YVCOG is helping with grants for police vehicles and possibly a new building.

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief Bob Clark stated that August is on par with 42 calls; 390 to date. Code Enforcement is busy; NW Code Pros continues to assist; Animal Control is busy.

PUBLIC WORKS: Works Director Jeff Schumacher said that the Cemetery Trifold pamphlet will be part of the 2021 budget due to budget constraints. He is still working on the 6-year Improvement Project and would like to talk with Council Members on what roads are deemed necessary. YVCOG is helping with Shoreline Management Program and assisting the city with future plans.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mayor Keith Workman to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jesse Farias 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.

Keith Workman, Mayor

Kimberly Grimm, Clerk-Treasurer