

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of December 20, 2021

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Keith Workman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- a. Welcome by Mayor Keith Workman
- b. Flag Salute led by Frank Jaime

## **ROLL CALL:**

- a. Council Members in attendance: Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Estrada, Chuck Stephens, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa, Frank Jaime. Caroline Solis and Mayor Keith Workman by zoom.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Clerk Kathy Davis, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Fire Chief Bob Clark.
- c. Others that were present: City of Wapato Attorney Julie Norton, Recorder Judy Devall.

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

Mayor Keith Workman called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Caroline Solis made motion for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Margaret Estrada seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from December 6, 2021 were not presented for approval.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Keith Workman called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Frank Jaime made motion for the approval of the claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Margaret Estrada seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Approval of Ordinance 2021-7 Amendments to 2021 Annual Budget  
Mayor Keith Workman called for the approval of Ordinance 2021-7, Amendments to the 2021 Annual Budget. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to approve the Ordinance 2021-7 Amendments to 2021 Annual Budget. Council member Margaret Estrada seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approval of 2022 Budget. Mayor Keith Workman called for the approval of the 2022 Budget. Council member Chuck Stephens made motion to approve the 2022 Budget. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Approval of 2022 Volunteer Firefighters pay scale. Mayor Keith Workman called for the approval of the 2022 Volunteer Firefighters pay scale. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the 2022 Volunteer Firefighters pay scale. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Approval of Technical Assistance Contract 2022 with YVCOG. Mayor Keith Workman called for the approval of the Technical Assistance Contract for 2022. Council member Chuck Stephens made motion to approve the Technical Assistance Contract. Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Approval of Indigent Defense Services Contract with Daniel Polage. Mayor Keith Workman called for the approval of the Indigent Defense Services Contract with Daniel Polage. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to approve the Indigent Defense Services Contract. Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief:** Bob Clark stated that the fire department is at a record pace and will finish off the year with 10% more calls than last year. Unfortunately, business is booming. Volunteer AJ Clark has finished recruit school and is now a certified firefighter. The firefighters in EMT school will be done soon.

**Code Enforcement:** The new O'Reilly's is ahead of schedule. It is going up quickly. There will soon be more construction as more businesses are coming to town. Mr. Clark could not elaborate as to which stores are coming. Construction is going strong.

**Animal Control:** Mr. Clark stated that it was brisk.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Kathy Davis stated that she didn't have anything to report.

**Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker stated that he was pleased to hear that the Peacekeepers was successful and congratulations to Council member Elizabeth Villa for helping. Mr. Schumacker read a note he received from the Cycle Club. Back in September he had submitted six grants. Out of the six they received one. That one from the Cycle Club. Wapato was in the top 10 to receive one grant. The grant ranges from \$100,000 to \$1 million. Mr. Schumacker wasn't sure of the amount Wapato was to receive. The funds will be used to repair and rebuild sidewalks. The funds will not come to the City, they will be given straight to contractors. Mr. Schumacker will keep everyone up to date.

**Police Chief:** Nolan Wentz stated that they are waiting for three background checks on new police candidates. Chief Wentz noticed the barrier behind Noah's Ark has cleared. The things that were going on behind Noah's Ark has now moved to the front which makes it easier for the officers to see what is going on.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Keith Workman closed the meeting for an Executive Session. When done they asked everyone to join in the last part of the meeting.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

No audience participation

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Keith Workman called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to adjourn. Council member Margaret Estrada seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor Pro-Tempore

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Kimberly Grimm, Clerk/Treasurer

