

**CITY OF WAPATO**  
**Regular Council Meeting – Telephonic Due to COVID**  
**Minutes of March 15, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Keith Workman called the Telephone Meeting to order.

- a. Welcome

**ROLL CALL:**

- a. Council Members in attendance: Jesse Farias, Chuck Stephens, Frank Jaime, Margaret Estrada, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Grimm, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, and Fire Chief Bob Clark.
- c. Others that were present: City of Wapato Legal Counsel Julie Norton, Recorder Judy Devall, Minute Taker Stormy Miller.

**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 was no public comment period during this meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Keith Workman called for approval of the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Jesse Farias made motion for approval of payroll, vouchers and minutes from Council Meeting March 15, 2021. Council Member Margaret Estrada seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Keith Workman called for a Motion to approve Amendment 3 for Professional Services Engineering Services between the City of Wapato and Gray and Osborne. Council Member Jesse Farias made motion for approval of Amendment 3. Council Member Margaret Estrada seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mayor Keith Workman called for a Motion to approve the Repealing Resolution 2021-1 of Adopting Administrative Fees. The \$5.00 fee will be taken off and customers will be reimbursed. There will be a 1% utility fee added to bills.

Council Member Chuck Stephens made a motion for Resolution 2021-1. Council Member Margaret Estrada seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mayor Keith Workman called for a Motion to approve giving accounts more than 60 days past due to Evergreen Collection Agency. Council Member Margaret Estrada made Motion for Evergreen Collection Agency. Council Member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Mayor Keith Workman called for a Motion to approve the Renewal of Liquor Licenses for Wapato Mart and International Market. Council Member Jessie Farias made Motion to renew the Liquor Licenses. Council Member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mayor Keith Workman called for a Motion to approve construction of a duplex at 104 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Wapato. Council Member Jessie Farias made Motion for construction of the duplex. Council Member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Police Chief:** Chief Wentz stated that graffiti is increasing and businesses need to paint over it. Union negotiations are still on going. Officer Lounsbury and Officer Reese will graduate in April.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Kimberly Grimm stated that council members training was on hold due to it being a quorum.

**Fire Chief:** Bob Clark stated the fire department business is up 31% from last year. The recruits that are in school are doing well. Calls to Noah's Ark was at 55%. In February there was 54 calls, and so far 37 in March. Out of 26 calls 6 were to Noah's Ark.

**Public Works:** Jeff Schumacker stated that graffiti was up and the business owners must remove it in a reasonable amount of time. French Lane plans were submitted. Cemetery is going to have their first initial clean up. The commitments for the business at Ahtanum Rd is moving ahead.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Mayor Keith Workman to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Jessie Farias made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor Pro-Tempore

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Kimberly Grimm, Clerk/Treasurer