

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of April 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Margaret Estrada called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- a. Welcome
- b. Flag Salute

ROLL CALL:

- a. Council Members in attendance: Frank Jaime, Frances Ayres, Jessie Farias, Elizabeth Villa, Chuck Stephens, by telephone Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Clerk/Treasure Kimberly Grimm, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Fire Chief bob Clark, Minute Taker Kathy Davis.
- c. Others that were present: City of Wapato Legal Counsel Julie Norton, Recorder Judy Devall.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL:

Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Frank Jaime made motion for approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Jessie Farias seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting minutes from March 15, 2021. Council member Frank Jaime made motion for approval of the meeting minutes. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada 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 Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Liquor License for Temptations Restaurant Bar and Nightclub, located at 116 W. 2nd St. Some concerns brought up was the history. Chief Wentz noted that there were only 150 calls to the previous establishment. The kitchen is a concern being that it is in the open and small. Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Temptations. Council member Frank Jaime made motion for the approval of the liquor license. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Swearing in of the new police officers. Officers Jaclyn Adams, Justin Lounsbury, and Christopher Reese were sworn in by Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Grimm. Officer Charles Lawther was sworn in by Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Grimm to Sergeant. Officer Christian Sandoval received a Letter of Accommodation for saving a 3 year old girl that had been abducted and returned her to her mother.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated that the fire department has seen a 25% increase in calls. They have six new recruits and they are doing a good job. Should be hearing back in 2 to 3 weeks on a grant that they applied for. Animal control is busy with strays. There are six new family houses going up and one duplex. Council member Frank Jaime inquired about Noah's Ark. Chief Wentz stated that things have been quite around there. Just a couple of fights. Some of the homeless have been going to council member Frank Jaime's place and yelling at him.

Clerk/Treasurer: Kimberly Grimm stated the red election box has been installed at the library and it is a drive up box. City Hall will be open until 8:00pm on election night for residents to cast their vote. Still working with the auditors on the 2018 -2019 audit. Uploaded the last of 2018. They have requested more information for 2019. As soon as the auditors are done with 2019 they will give us an exit audit. Kimberly stated that the auditors will be going into 2020 audit in May. Kimberly should have 2020 balanced and ready for auditors at the end of April first part of May. City Hall has opened to the public from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker started off by congratulating the officers and Sgt. Lawther. French Lane is ready to go out for bid. Council will be involved in the bid selection. City Hall has not been flying a flag because of its condition. New ones have been ordered. Public Works will be putting out flower pots downtown. There will be new lighting at the cemetery in the driveway. Jeff will be reviewing applications for an open position at Public Works.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated they have been moving forward on the teamster's contract, that he has a meeting on March 20, 2021 hoping to be done soon. Body cams have been ordered for the officers, they are waiting for some equipment to get them set up. They will be working to replace Christian Sandoval. Officer Wentz has drawings of

what they would like to see happen in the Inspire building. He will try to get copies made for council to look at.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council discussed potential litigation with City attorney Julie Norton.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by council member Jessie Farias to adjourn the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was cake served for celebration of the new officers and Sgt. Lawther.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor Pro-Tempore

Kimberly Grimm, Clerk/Treasurer