

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of August 16, 2021

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

- a. Welcome by Mayor Pro-Tempore Margaret Estrada
- b. Flag Salute led by Mayor Pro-Tempore Margaret Estrada

## **ROLL CALL:**

- a. Council Members in attendance: Chuck Stephens, Frank Jaime, Frances Ayres, Jessie Farias. Attended by video conference Caroline Solis and Elizabeth Villa.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Fire Chief Bob Clark, and Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker.  
Absent: Clerk/Treasure Kimberly Grimm
- c. Others that were present: By zoom 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 Chuck Stevens made motion for approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL:**

Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting minutes from July 19, 2021. Council member Frank Jaime made motion for approval of the meeting minutes. Council member Jessie Farias 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 Jessie Farias seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Liquor License for Exit 44: Mayor Pro-Temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Exit 44. Council member Elizabeth Villa called to oppose the liquor license. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. It was unanimously opposed to grant the liquor license for Exit 44.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Expenditures for equipping the recently purchased Police vehicle: Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the expenditures. Council member Elizabeth Villa made a motion to approve the expenditures. Council member Jessie Farias seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Payment of Progress Estimate 2 French Lane: Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the payment of progress for French Lane. Council member Frank Jaime made motion for the approval of the payment of progress for French Lane. Council Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Approval for the City to participate in Harvest Festival Activities. Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Cities participation in the Harvest Festival Activities. Council member Frank Jaime made motion for the approval of the Cities participation. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Approval of COVID Relief Funds for Essential Worker Pay. Mayor Pro-Temp Margaret Estrada Called for the approval of the COVID relief funds. Council member Chuck Stevens made motion for the approval of the COVID relief funds. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. All members opposed the license.
- e. Liquor License for La Casa De La Birria Mexican Restaurant: Mayor Pro-Temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for La Casa De La Birria Mexican Restaurant. Council member Chuck Stevens made motion to table the approval. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Liquor License for Las Palmas: Mayor Pro-Temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Las Palmas. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the liquor license for Las Palmas. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief:** Bob Clark stated that there were three recruits that passed their final tests. They are looking to try to get more volunteers. Animal Control has been busy. There have been a large number of strays. Code Enforcement has been busy. There has been an increase of remodeling going on and an increase in commercial buildings going up. With the new graffiti ordinance businesses are taking care of their buildings.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Kimberly Grimm absent.

**Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker stated that the French Lane project was well within budget. There are new water lines at Lions Park so hopefully the grass will not die. Wednesday there is a Harvest Festival meeting to go over some final preparations. The parking lot on the north side of the community center will be done in time for Harvest Festival. It will have a large handicap parking. Next is tamale festival.

**Police Chief:** Nolan Wentz stated that National Night Out was a first for him. It went well for only having a couple of weeks to put together. The turnout was great. Waiting upon two officers to get through their medical. The new laws concerning the police and how to handle situations is a concern but believes the officers we have will do a great job.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Karina Lara wanted to know more about the graffiti ordinance. Box explained that the business owner has fourteen days to clean up the graffiti. If not cleaned then Public Works will come do it and there will be a fee charged. The fee could be \$30 to \$40 an hour for two workers to clean up the graffiti. The ordinance started with the businesses and then will go to the rest of the town.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Pro-Temp called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to adjourn. Council member Chuck Stevens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor Pro-Tempore

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Kimberly Grimm, Clerk/Treasurer