

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting – Telephonic Due to Covid-19 Minutes of January 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Keith Workman called the telephone meeting to order.

- a. Welcome

ROLL CALL:

- a. Council members in attendance: Jessie Farias, Margaret Estrada, Elizabeth Villa, Frances Ayres, Caroline Solis, Chuck Stephens.
- b. City staff in attendance: Bob Clark, Kimberly Grimm, Nolan Wentz
- 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 will be no public comment period during this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Keith Workman called for approval of the consent agenda as presented. Council member Chuck Stephens made motion for approval of consent agenda. Seconded by Margaret Estrada. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Mayor Keith Workman called for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-1 of the City of Wapato adopting certain administrative fees or charges applicable to water, sewer and garbage accounts; containing a severability provision; and setting effective date. Motion was made by Margaret Estrada. Seconded by council member Frances Ayres. Motion carried unanimously
- b. Mayor Keith Workman called for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-2 to Surplus city Property and Transfer to Catholic Charities (as part of French Lane Project). Motion to approve Resolution 2021-2 was made by Council member Jessie Farias. Seconded by council member Margaret Estrada. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mayor Keith Workman called for a motion for approval of Real Estate Acquisition and Transfer Agreement (between City, Catholic Charities, and Kateri related to French Lane Project). Motion for approval was made by council member Chuck Stevens. Seconded by council member Jessie Farias. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mayor Keith Workman called for a motion for approval of the Ballot Drop Box Property Use Agreement between Yakima County and the City of Wapato. Motion for approval was made by Jessie Farias. Seconded by council member Margaret Estrada. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mayor Keith Workman called for a motion for approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between City of Wapato and Council 2, Washington State Council of County and City Employees

Representing Local 1122-W Municipal Employees (Public Works and City Hall). Motion for approval was made by council member Jessie Farias. Seconded by council member Caroline Solis. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Clerk/Treasurer – Kimberly Grimm stated 2020 was balanced and ready to close books. The auditors are two items shy to complete the audit. Auditors will want to meet with council and go over findings. Trying to get the Police Department into a new location. We are short \$250,000 in utility bills at this time. At the moment we are not assessing late fees nor are we doing any shut offs.

Police Chief – Nolan Wentz stated that there is a new officer on board and we have a confirmed date for the police academy of February 9. Trying to get two more officers in March. We are still in negotiations with Teamsters, with the hold up being the language. On January 20 we start a grant program to fund building, cars, clothing, and technology.

Fire Chief – Bob Clark stated that 2020 was a challenge and was very overwhelming at times. They have 24 members and five are in training. We had 528 calls for service of which 400+ were medical calls. Received a \$12,000 grant from the Casino, it is the first since 2017. Code is up with the nice weather people are remodeling. Animal Control – been going after large animals running around.

Public Works – Jeff Schumacker – Not present.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Mayor Keith Workman stated that it has been a trying year and everyone has been getting it done. Thank you to all.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further discussion, Mayor Keith Workman called for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Council member Jessie Farias. Seconded by Council member Margaret Estrada. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Keith Workman, Mayor

Kimberly Grimm, Clerk/Treasurer