

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of June 7, 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, and Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Clerk/Treasure Kimberly Grimm, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Fire Chief bob Clark.
- c. Others that were present: By telephone 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 Jessie Farias made motion for approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting minutes from May 17, 2021. Council member Jessie Farias made motion for approval of the meeting minutes. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Elizabeth Villa made motion for the approval of the claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ordinance for Graffiti. Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval for the Graffiti Ordinance. Council member Jessie Farias made motion for the Graffiti Ordinance be tabled until the public can be notified. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Proposal for optional 2 workshops a month until the end of year 2021. Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval for 2 optional workshops a month. Council member Frank Jaime made the motion to have workshops. Council member Jesse Farias seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated that the final burn for the new fire fighters went well it gave them some new volunteers. Building permits – housing is going strong. Residents are putting on new roofs and new homes are going up.

Clerk/Treasurer: Kimberly Grimm stated that the auditors were done and are awaiting on the 2020 accountability report. The Cares Funds has been applied for and should have answers about June 27th.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker stated that they will be doing tests on Well 5. July 21st they will have a preliminary test. Thank you to all the volunteers that were at the Cemetery putting out flowers and making the grounds look nice for Memorial Day. Hanging baskets were hung on the main street. There is a problem with people pulling the flowers off or pulling them out.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that the police department has hired two new officers and they are losing one. The union contract has been completed and hoping that it will attract future officers to the area. Would like to have a study session for the council to see the new police station and to go over the plans.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pastor Richard Burson wanted to know about having a block party and his church would like to be of help to the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Margaret Estrada, Mayor Pro-Tempore

Kimberly Grimm, Clerk/Treasurer