

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of May 17, 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, Minute Taker Kathy Davis.
- c. Others that were present: By telephone City of Wapato Legal Counsel Julie Norton, Recorder Judy Devall, Gray & Osborne

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 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 Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Liquor License for El Compadre Sports Bar and Family Restaurant located at 220 S. Wapato Ave. Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval for the Liquor License for El Compadre Sports Bar and Family Restaurant. Council member Jessie Farias made motion for the Liquor License be put on hold until more information can be obtained. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Resolution 2021-3 authorizing fund transfer to purchase replacement vehicle. Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval for Resolution 2021-3, authorizing fund transfer to purchase replacement vehicle. Council member Frank Jaime made the motion to move the funds so they are readily available. Council member Jesse Farias seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated that April fires were slower, only had 35, which is down 8% from last month, but was up 17% from last year. Cadets were to have a final live fire at the training center, then they would be graduating. Animal control is busy because it is puppy and kitten season. Code Enforcement is busy. It is a time when the community is doing some home repairs, such as putting on a new roof. There has been one new duplex started and there are plans for a couple of single-family homes to be built.

Clerk/Treasurer: Kimberly Grimm stated that the auditors were finished with 2018 audit and almost finished with 2019. Auditors were at City Hall starting on 2020 financial audit. As soon as they are done with 2018 & 2019 they will call with an exit audit, will keep council informed as to when that will be.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker stated that there were five bids for the French Lane Project. Nancy from Gray & Osborne, Inc. was present and stated that Granite Constriction, a local construction company, has won the bid for the French Lane Project. Council member Frank Jaime motion to award Granite Construction the bid. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) will be starting improvements at South Camas Ave. and 9th Street.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that there will be one officer returning from the academy in June. Officers have gone to a new work schedule. They will work five days a week to accommodate for training time. The police department has gotten new body cams. Still waiting on plans for the new building.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Kiona Dick, a member of the community, stated that the Lions Club would like to have the Harvest Festival.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Margaret Estrada, Mayor Pro-Tempore

Kimberly Grimm, Clerk/Treasurer