

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of September 7, 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: Mayor Pro-Temp Margaret Estrada, Chuck Stephens, Jessie Farias, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Fire Chief Bob Clark, and Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Grimm.
Absent: Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker
- c. Others that were present: Recorder Judy Devall, Minutes taker Kathy Davis

Executive Session:

Cancelled by Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Estrada.

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 Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting minutes from August 16, 2021. Council member Frank Jaime made motion for approval of the meeting minutes. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Liquor License for La Casa De La Birria Mexican Restaurant: Police Chief Nolan Wentz and Fire Chief Bob Clark stated that the restaurant wasn't open yet. Mayor Pro-Temp Margaret Estrada called for the tabling of the liquor license for La Casa De La Birria Mexican Restaurant for further discussion. Council member Jessie Farias made motion to table the liquor license for La Casa De La Birria Mexican Restaurant. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Yakama Nation use of the Community Center for Boys and Girls Club: Arlan Washings presented that the boys/girls club would be used for school age kids. The hours would be 3:00pm to about 7:00pm for after school activities. Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the tabling for further discussion. Council member Chuck Stephens made a motion to table the use of the Community Center for further discussion. Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Caroline Solis made a motion to add to new business. The termination of the contract between the City of Wapato and Julie Norton. Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the termination of the contract between City of Wapato and Julie Norton. Council member Elizabeth Villa made motion to cancel the contract. Council member Frances Ayers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Approval to pay Invoice #3 for French Lane: Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Grimm stated that this would be the last payment to be made and then grants from TIB and Catholic Charity would pay. This would be paid when grant funds come available. Mayor Pro-temp Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the payment of invoice #3 for French Lane. Council member Frank Jaime made motion for the approval of the payment for French Lane. Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. De La Torre Alleyway Fence: Sergio De La Torre spoke on keeping the fence that is in the alleyway. There are a lot of homeless in there and people throw trash all over. Mr. De La Torre claimed that he would maintain the fence. He handed out pictures and information to the council. Fire Chief Bob Clark suggested tabling until the next council meeting so the council would have time to go over the documents that were handed out. Mayor Pro-Temp Margaret Estrada called for the tabling of the fence to give council time to read through the documents. Council member Jessie Farias made motion to table the fence for further discussion. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated that the fire department has been keeping busy. There has been a 31% increase in calls the last month. Most calls have been for COVID-19. Due to COVID there has been a shortage in ambulance service. There has also been a shortage in staff.

Animal Control: Has been very busy. There have been a numerous amounts of cats taken to the humane shelter. There has been several dogs taken also.

Code Enforcement: This has been a constant busy. There is a long list of remodels.

Clerk/Treasurer: Kimberly Grimm stated that she is still waiting to hear from the auditors. Kimberly stated that she is balanced through August. Budget setting will be starting up soon. November 1 there is an insurance payment due of \$400,000.00.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker was absent

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that he still has seven (7) officers. They are working through the new legislative laws. Shootings are still happening. With the graffiti ordinance Chief Wentz has seen graffiti slow down but it is still happening.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There was no audience participation

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Temp Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor Pro-Tempore

Kimberly Grimm, Clerk/Treasurer