

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of May 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

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

- a. Welcome by Mayor Margaret Estrada
- b. Flag Salute Led by Council Member Frank Jaime

ROLL CALL:

- a. Council Members in attendance: Chuck Stephens, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Fire Chief Bob Clark, Clerk Kathy Davis.
- c. Others that were present: Recorder Judy Devall, City of Wapato Attorney Julie Norton via Zoom.

MEETING AGENDA:

No Additions & Deletions. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion for no additions/deletions. Council member Frances Ayres seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from April 18, 2022 were presented for approval.

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of April 18th Meeting Minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve meeting minutes from April 18th.

Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Caroline Solis made motion for the approval of the claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of Metal Removal Study on Wastewater Treatment Plant. Nancy Wetch from Gray & Osborne came to present the next phase of treating the wastewater plant. This is the final step to actually do the work. Gray & Osborne want to find the most economical solution. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Metal Removal Study. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to approve the Metal Removal Study. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mack Larkin with Flock Safety was present via zoom. He presented an overview of the Flock Security Cameras. Mr. Larkin stated that Yakima uses them. A couple of features on the cameras is that they can detect gunshots and read license plates numbers.
- c. Approval of Resolution 2022-01 ARPA Funds Use. This resolution is set in place for the use of the ARPA Funds. The Mayor, Council and city staff have reviewed the final rule on how the funds can be used and how they will benefit the City of Wapato. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Resolution 2022-01. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Approval of Resolution 2022-02 Procurement Policy. This Resolution is done by recommendations of the Washington State Auditors. This is for purchasing restrictions. \$7,500 needs to be approved by council. Other projects exceeding \$15,000 need to go out for bid. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Resolution 2022-02. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve Resolution 2022-02. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Approval of the Annual Report. Kathy reported that she worked with her computer tech to get the annual report ready to go to the auditors. The numbers show that the city is doing good and making up ground. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the annual report. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the annual report. Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Approval of Animal Control Agreement. Bob reported that Megan Moss has been doing a great job with picking up strays. In two months, she has picked up 50 dogs and roughly 10 cats. Ms. Moss has issued several warnings. This is a contract to extend her services till August 2022. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Animal Control Agreement. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the Animal Control Agreement. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated that fire calls are were at 11% for April. Chief Clark had a meeting with Fire Chiefs and Patty Murray on the ARPA funds. The ARPA funds are controlled by the City of Yakima. Grant applications are due by June 23rd. The sign for O'Reilly's is going up next week. They should be opening the middle of June.

Clerk: Kathy Davis stated that City Hall has lost one employee. Meter reads system should be up shortly. Busy with annual report to have it filed by May 30th.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker stated that Patty Murray had heard about Wapato's grant funding for the wastewater treatment plant. He reiterated Kathy by adding that Celina oversaw the water billing. Cross training has begun and just about complete. Mr. Schumacker presented a handout of the ordinances for the cemetery. There have been some problems there, so he wants to make sure everyone is aware of the ordinances. He will be posting signs at the cemetery with the rules. There was another handout of flags that Mr. Schumacker would like to purchase to put downtown Wapato. The last part of June there will be a city-wide cleanup.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that Wapato is picking up speed. There was a homicide on C street. There was no suspect in custody yet. Graffiti is slowing down mainly because they are leaving their names on their artwork. The lady that was breaking windows is sitting Yakima jail. The police department has two officers in the police academy. One should be finished in July and the other in August. They have interviewed for another officer. One was chosen and is going through the hiring process. The new car should be on the road in two or three days, after a long wait for the parts. On a good note: the vehicles that were sold at Heaverlo Auction have sold and the funds have come in.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Doug Milne. Asked if shut-offs happen on Thursday even though City Hall is closed on Friday. He was told yes. Mr. Milne also asked if something could be done about dog poo in the park. No one is picking up after their dogs. Suggested that people be fined. Mr. Schumacker suggested putting up signs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to adjourn. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor Pro-Tempore

Kathy Davis, Clerk