

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of June 21, 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 Frank Jaime made motion for no additions/deletions. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from June 6, 2022 were presented for approval.

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of June 6th Meeting Minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve meeting minutes from June 6th. Council member Caroline Solis 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 Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of Resolution 2022-03, Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker stated that this is what we have done and what we will do over the next six years. It is updated regularly. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Resolution 2022-03. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve Resolution 2022-03. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Approval of Liquor License:
 1. Restaurant San Juan – 415 S Wapato Ave.
Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Liquor License for Restaurant San Juan. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the Liquor License for Restaurant San Juan. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously
 2. American Legion Post 133 – 210 3rd St E.
Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Liquor License for American Legion Post 133. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the Liquor License for American Legion Post 133. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Approval of the purchase of six AED's and 10 Class B First Aid Kits for the Police Department, using ARPA funds. Chief Wentz stated that the police department has two AED's and they would like six more so each car has one. Upon looking into the patrol cars there are no first aid kits. Chief Wentz would like to get one for each patrol car. Chief Bob Clark stated that for the record he would recommend having both in the patrol cars. The police officer arrives first so they could make a difference in one's life. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the purchase of AED's and First Aid Kits. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the purchase of AED's and First Aid kits. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated that fire calls are up 13% year to date. They have a new volunteer fire fighter that just passed the background check. He is expected to start in a month. This will bring the total of volunteers to 21. The drone has been ordered and it will be two to four weeks before it gets here. There is some training that Chief Clark and a couple other firefighters will have to take to operate the drone. Chief Clark has applied through Yakima County ARPA funds for a grant for a ladder truck. Estimated time to hear is four to eight weeks. Megan Moss has done a great job picking up the stray animals around Wapato. For Code Enforcement O'Reilly's obtained their certificate of occupancy and opened their doors Saturday June 18th.

Clerk: Kathy Davis stated that with Monday the 20th being Juneteenth, City Hall was busy with payments and phone calls. All the clerks did a good job.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker stated that at City Hall they have a new meter program. It will give accurate reads in the next 30 days. There may be some changes in bills but hopefully close to what the averages are. Striping should be done the week of June 27th. Parking lot and park bids go out next week (June 27). Will be using ARPA funds for that. Completely submitted the risk assessment program mandated by the EPA. Submission to the EPA is done. Well 5 is a back-up well. It is very essential to the City of Wapato. An application has been submitted for ARPA funds with Yakima County to remove the manganese and iron in well 5. This is a \$2.1 million undertaking. Met all requirements for the grant.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that there are two officers in the academy. Chief Wentz expects to see one back in three weeks. The other officer in a month and a half. There is one more that is in the final state of hiring. Then they can get him into the academy. There are a lot of people wondering all over at night. During the day they are chasing shade. Cameras are in process. Working on permitting. Wapato is first on the list to get them installed. Chief Wentz is in the process of getting the computers for the patrol cars. This was funded by a grant from Yakama Nation. The Inspire building is in process. Thursday there will be a walk-through for contractors. If they are interested bids will be taken. Looking forward to the holiday (July 4th). Fireworks stands are going up. Classes to sell fireworks were late and only so many stands can go up.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Kiona Dick: Ms. Dick presented a letter to Mayor Estrada regarding the Harvest Festival. A church has stepped forward to take care of the chicken. Submitted a letter for the city to help with set up, tear down, park preparation, electrical, garbage, and security. Other volunteers have stepped up to help.

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 7:30pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk