

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of January 17, 2023

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 via phone, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa via zoom, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Clerk Kathy Davis, Fire Chief Bob Clark.
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, Wapato City Attorney Julie Norton via zoom, Gray & Osborne Nancy Welch.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

Award was not presented.

MEETING AGENDA:

Additions & Deletions. Mayor Margaret called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to cancel the award of excellence. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from January 3, 2022 were presented for approval.

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of January 3rd Meeting Minutes. The agenda had minutes from December 19th, Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve meeting minutes from January 3rd. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion for the approval of the claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Gray & Osborne: Water Comprehensive Plan. Nancy Welch was present to go over the water comprehensive plan. The water comprehensive plan is done every ten (10) years. Wapato's is out of compliance. The last time one was done was in 2006. There had been other studies done after that, but they were not approved. Ms. Welch has been working with the Department of Health to get our plan carried out. The comprehensive plan is like a roadmap for the future of Wapato's water. It involves a study of the water for cleanness and determines if new businesses and water meters can be installed. The plan is an extensive 300-page document. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Gray & Osborne to do the study. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve Gray & Osborne to do the study. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approval of Ordinance Chapter 6 Animals. Was not ready. The Chief asked to put it off for more time.
- c. Approval of Resolution for dog license: Was put on hold till ordinance can be finished.
- d. Approval of MOU/Cost of Living for AFSME Union. An MOU is to change the union contract. The contract for COLA was to be re-negotiated for 2023. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the MOU. Council member Ken Workman made motion to approve the MOU. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated for 2022 the fire department had 669 calls. That is an increase over 2021 of 110 calls. Noah's Ark had 116 fire calls alone. Chief Clark is applying for a FEMA grant. It will fund one full time firefighter for three years. Code enforcement has several projects that are being worked on, such as road paving, graffiti, and such.

Clerk: Kathy Davis stated that things at city hall are going well. The girls are doing a great job. Kathy is busy working on end of year quarterlies and getting w-2's done.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker stated that public works is working on graveling the dirt roads. They are working their way through the troublesome streets. If you noticed 1st Street is a little brighter. Public works has been busy replacing the heads. Mr. Schumacker is going to try to use ARPA funds to cover the rest for the safety of the citizens of Wapato. Will be looking at lights for security for the new police department. Doing sewer line cleaning.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that for the new building he needs to have several secured areas to be able to move into it. Chief Wentz received a call from Patty Murrey's office wanting him to reapply for a grant. Every little bit will help to get the building ready for use. Chief Wentz is down two officers. He is working on one candidate. If anyone knows of someone send them chiefs' way.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There was no audience participation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to adjourn. Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk