

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of January 3, 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.
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, Wapato City Attorney Julie Norton via zoom.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

Award was not presented.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public hearing for French Lane Housing Project. The hearing was opened by Mayor Estrada at 7:02pm. Mayor Estrada announced that the floor was open to the public for comments. Clerk Kathy Davis informed the mayor there was one that had signed up to comment. Gina Ramos questioned if this concerned the residents around that neighborhood or the whole city. Byron Gumz from YVCOG stated it would affect those living in that neighborhood. With no more comments, Mayor Estrada closed the public hearing at 7:06pm

MEETING AGENDA:

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

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from December 19, 2022 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of December 19th Meeting Minutes. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve meeting minutes from December 19th. Council member Chuck Stephens 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. Approval of French Lane Housing Project: Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the French lane housing project. Council member Elizabeth Villa made a motion to approve the French lane housing project. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approval of payment to Imperial Construction for Inspire Building Restoration: Jeff Schumacker stated that this was going to be covered by insurance and that the insurance has made the payment. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Imperial Construction payment. Council member Elizabeth Villa made a motion to approve the Imperial Construction payment. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark was not present.

Clerk: Kathy Davis stated that City Hall was running well and that the ladies are doing a good job. Public records requests are down so we should be able to do away with the program we use to do records requests.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker stated that City Hall is running smoothly. Best he has seen it run. Public works has received grants for the Naches Ave project. It will be a summer project. The water department met with the Department of health and is working on their comprehensive plan. It will take approximately six months to complete. Gray and Osborne will be at the next meeting to talk about the water comprehensive plan. Mr. Schumacker also mentioned that he will be working with Kathy on a project. They will be reviewing all the supply chains that are used.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that the public records request is a big portion of funds. The program GovQa is roughly \$15,000 a year. With record requests down there is no need to have it. Chief Wentz has been working with animal control and Attorney Julie to update the ordinance on dog licenses. He presented some papers to the council to look over. Sgt. Lawther is now certified to fly the drone. He has finished his class. Chief Wentz mentioned that he may have a way to finance the new police station.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Doug Milne was present. He wanted to remind the council that he still has not received his building permit. He said it has been two years. Mr. Milne complimented Jeff on the streets being cleared.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to adjourn. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk