

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of October 16, 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, Frances Ayres, Caroline Solis, Elizabeth Villa via zoom.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Sgt Mike Deccio, Clerk Kathy Davis, Fire Chief Bob Clark. Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker – unavailable.
- c. Others that were present: Via Zoom - Attorney Julie Norton, Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, YVCOG Byron Gumz, Gray & Osborne Nancy Wetch.

## **Public Meeting:**

French Lane Housing Project – Byron Gumz from YVCOG was present to give a report on the housing project. He gave a staff report on the requirements for the housing project.

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

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

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from October 2, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve meeting minutes from October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Kiona Dick:

- Lions Club would like to have the community center for a toy drive.
- Toy Drive will be December 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Marla Hernandez:

- Tamale Festival was better than expected.
- Had 35 vendors. They are all willing to come back for the next one.

Doug Milne:

- Gave public works a compliment on nice clean-up job on the alleyway.

Ken Workman:

- Went to the Tamale Festival. It was a great turnout. Nice that it was in the park.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Catholic charities Housing Services Approval of Proposed Sub-Division- Byron Gumz from YVCOG was available for any other questions the council may have. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the proposed sub-division. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the proposed sub-division. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Water System Plan Presentation – Gray & Osborne - Nancy Wetch presented Wapato's water system plan. This is required by the Department of Health. There hasn't been one done since 2005. No major improvements have been made since 1997. The council was asked to proceed with a submittal to DOH for review and comment. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval to send the water system plan to DOH. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to send the water system plan to DOH. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Interlocal Agreement for Yakima Valley Crisis Response Unit. Sgt. Deccio mentioned that this is an agreement for a SWAT team in Yakima County.

Wapato would have one officer that is trained. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Interlocal Agreement for a Yakima Valley Crisis Response Unit. Council member Elizabeth Villa made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Liquor License:

- Tienda De Abarrotes Los Amigos – No problems were reported by Sgt. Deccio. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Tienda De Abarrotes. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the liquor license for Tienda De Abarrotes. Council member Ken workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Crossroads Market – No problems were reported by Sgt. Deccio. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Crossroads Market. Council member Caroline Solis made a motion to approve the liquor license for Crossroads Market. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **Fire Chief: Bob Clark**

- \* Animal Control – For the Month of September four (4) dogs were taken to the Humane Society. We are allocated 8 a month.
- \* Code Enforcement – The abandoned house at 419 N Camas Ave has been torn down to the foundation. It is no longer a problem.
- \* Fire Department – Pleased to announce the following officer's promotions:
  - KC Frazier Promoted from Lt. to Station Capt.
  - Wally Shearer Promoted from Lt to Training Capt.
  - Nick Bachmeier Promoted from FF to Station Lt.
  - Marco Isidoro Promoted from FF to Training Lt.
  - Josh Bibey Promoted from FF to Engineer
  - Bernabe Castro Jr Promoted from FF to Engineer
- \* September had 85 calls for service, an increase of 29% from last year.
- \* Overall, for the year there had been an increase of 20% calls for service.

### **Clerk: Kathy Davis**

- \* Been busy working with on budget.
- \* Encouraged the council to attend the training in December.

### **Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker**

- \* Unavailable

**Interim Police Chief: Mike Deccio**

- \* Six calls this year have resulted in arrests.
- \* There was an attempted robbery at a school bus stop this morning. It is under investigation. The school bus got there, and the guys took off.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Chuck Stephens made a motion to adjourn. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Kathy Davis, Clerk