

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of October 2, 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, Excused Absence Elizabeth Villa.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Police Sgt Mike Deccio, Clerk Kathy Davis, Fire Chief Bob Clark-Excused absence on a call.
- c. Others that were present: Via Zoom - Attorney Julie Norton, Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

MEETING AGENDA:

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

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from September 18, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of September 5th meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 18th. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Doug Milne:

- Trying to contact the owner of a vacant lot.
- Would like to talk with Attorney Julie Norton about it.
- Ms. Norton told him to call her about a petition of vacant right of way.

Zenaida Rojas:

- Community garden grounds have acetic acid. Coffee grounds were donated to help the acid.
- Working with the high school on a grant.
- Will be meeting with FFA to discuss ideas.
- In need of donations of mulch and rock.

Marla Hernandez:

- Tamale Festival this weekend. Saturday at the Wapato Park from 11-4.
- Wanted to know who oversees the softball field. Parks department. The ground are full of stickers.

Ken Workman:

- Suggested posting when the community center is rented out so everyone will know there is limited parking.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 2023-12 Local Parks Maintenance Program. This is the grant for the parks for \$100,000. It will help to rebuild the park restroom. Final formality to receive the grant. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Resolution 2023-12. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Flock Reimbursement Agreement. This is a formality to receive reimbursement for the flock cameras that were purchased. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the flock reimbursement agreement. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the flock reimbursement agreement. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark – Absent – On a call

Clerk: Kathy Davis

- * Been busy working with department heads and our computer guy on 2024 budget.
- * Busy with quarterlies.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

- * This is the first preliminary budget.
- * All department heads, staff, and council have done great in closing the deficit the city has had.
- * Still have some line items to adjust.
- * Council member Rita Alvarado has asked about having a workshop with each department head to discuss each budget.

Interim Police Chief: Mike Deccio

- * Last month 3 stolen vehicles were found due to the flock cameras being posted.
- * Will be having interviews with future officer prospects.

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 7:30pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk