

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of December 18, 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
- c. There was a moment of silence for Wapato Mayor Jesse Farias

ROLL CALL:

- a. Council Members in attendance: Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis. Chuck Stephens - Absent
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Sgt Mike Deccio, Clerk Kathy Davis, Fire Chief Bob Clark. Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker..
- c. Others that were present: Via zoom Attorney Julie Norton, Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

Public Hearing:

2024 Annual Budget – There was no audience participation.

Swearing In of Firefighter Officers:

Mayor Margaret Estrada swore in six firefighters that achieved

MEETING AGENDA:

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

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from December 4, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of December 4th meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve meeting minutes from December 4th . Council

member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to amend the agenda for the meeting minutes. It was listed as the November 6th minutes, it should have been December 4th minutes. Council member Frank Jaime 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:

There was no Audience Participation

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ordinance 2023-16 2024 Annual Budget - Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Ordinance 2023-16. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-16. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ordinance 2023-17 Amendment of 2023 Budget - Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Ordinance 2023-17 Amendment of 2023 Budget. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget Amendment. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Approval to Pay City Insurance - Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval to pay the City insurance. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the city insurance. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Renewing of the YVCOG Technical Assistance Contract - Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval to renew the YVCOG technical assistance contract. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the YVCOG technical assistance contract. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Volunteer Firefighter Pay Scale - Chief Clark mentioned that this was included in the 2024 budget. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the volunteer firefighter pay scale. Council Member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the volunteer firefighter pay scale. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Replacement of Drone – Chief Clark mentioned that he is waiting for some answers from insurance. It would be a couple of months before anything was purchased. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the replacement of the drone. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the drone replacement. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark

- * Animal Control – Took five dogs to the animal shelter. There has been an increase of dogs and cats running around Wapato.
- * Code Enforcement – There have been a lot of requests for building permits, even with the weather we have been having.
- * Fire Department – Calls for the year are up 21%. There are two new recruits to the fire department. To try to cut down on dispatch fees by trying to cut down on some of the calls.

Clerk: Kathy Davis

- * City Hall is busy closing out 2023. Everything is getting balanced and completed.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

- * Thank you for reviewing and approving the budget. Still going over some numbers, it is a lot of hard work.
- * Mr. Schumacker has been with the city for almost 25 years. Jessie Farias gave him his start. He will be missed.
- * There are new cameras and microphones in the council chamber. Thank you, Sean Davido, for the new cameras and microphones. Mr. Davido came and explained that there is about \$15,000 worth of equipment. It did not come out of City of Wapato's budget. It was a grant that was received. The sound is much better.

Interim Police Chief: Mike Deccio

- * There were 13 arrests this month.
- * Adrian Rameriz has passed his background and psychological test. He will begin on December 26th.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk