

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of December 4, 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. Council Member Rita Alvarado and Ken Workman were sworn in by Mayor Margaret Estrada

ROLL CALL:

- a. Council Members in attendance: Chuck Stephens, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis.
- 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: Springbrook Chad Greif, Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

Public Hearing:

None

MEETING AGENDA:

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

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from November 6, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of November 6th meeting minutes. Council member Ken Workman made a motion to approve meeting minutes from November 6th. Council member Caroline Solis 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:

There was no Audience Participation

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 2023-15 ARPA Funds Transfer - Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Resolution 2023-15. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-15. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Adoption of Preliminary Budget. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Preliminary Budget. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the Preliminary Budget. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. TIB Otta Seal – Design Engineering Services. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the TIB Contract for Design Engineering Services. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the TIB Otta Seal Contract. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. ImageTrend. Chief Clark stated that this is the new program that the fire department is going to. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of ImageTrend. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve ImageTrend . Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Prosecuting Attorney Contract. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the renewal of the prosecuting attorney contract. Council Member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the renewal of the prosecuting attorney contract. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark

- * Animal Control – Have taken in seven dogs this month our quota is eight. Of those seven, three were put down for attacking another dog. One dog taken in was aggressive and there is one aggressive dog still running around town. Chief Clark is still trying to track it down.
- * Code Enforcement – Busy working on graffiti clean-up. Building permits have been brisk.
- * Fire Department – Had first meeting with Lexipol. They are going over the fire department policy and procedures. It will take several months to get through it. Chief Clark will keep the council updated as they work through it. Calls are up 41%. Last month there were five overdoses in the city. Two of them did not survive. It is unfortunate that we are seeing more and more of it. There were two significant fires in the city. One resulted in an arrest. The other resulted in the loss of a home. There are three new volunteer firefighters. One is a 15-year veteran, welcome back. The other two, Mendoza and Torres have finished their firefighting classes.

Clerk: Kathy Davis

- * City Hall is doing good.
- * Working on getting the final budget ready. Will have hearing next meeting for final budget approval.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

- * Working diligently on the budget
- * The city was granted another grant. This one is \$800,000. It is for a road project on N. Ahtanum Ave. Mr. Schumacker will keep searching for grants. We did lose out on the restroom grant but will try again in the spring.
- * Things are going well, pleased how things are moving along in the city.

Interim Police Chief: Mike Deccio

- * There were 234 calls for service in November. Twenty of those resulted in arrests.
- * Was able to attend a conference in November and learned a lot.
- * Officer was in pursuit of vehicle. It was an assault with a firearm from Toppenish. They lost sight of the vehicle, but found it crashed by Status Elementary. The drone went up to find the suspect, hit a power line, came crashing down on the officer's windshield and cracked it. The cruiser is out of service until it can be repaired.

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