

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of April 17, 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, Elizabeth Villa via Zoom, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Clerk Kathy Davis, Fire Chief Bob Clark
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, City Attorney Julie Norton via zoom.

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

Additions & Deletions. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Caroline Solis made a motion to cancel the award of excellence. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from March 20, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of March 20th Meeting Minutes. Council member Ken Workman made a motion to approve meeting minutes from March 20<sup>th</sup>. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Resolution 2023-04, Funds Transfer from Debt Services to Cemetery. Jeff Schumacker stated that the lawn mower for the cemetery needed to be replaced. It is doing double duty with the cemetery and the parks. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval for the transfer of funds. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the transfer of funds. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief:** Bob Clark stated that the stray population was picking up again. With the weather getting warmer there has been an increase in building permits. On the Fire department side of things, in March a grant was applied for to get four sets of turnout gear and power saws. The results for the grant will be announced in the middle of May. Two firefighters have completed the three-month Emergency Medical Technician class. They will be testing next month for their certification. The second week in May the fire department will be doing their EDITH (Exit Drills In The Home) with 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Simcoe elementary. Kelly Garza contacted Bob and he has been the recipient of the Annual Community Leadership Award. On North Ahtanum road there is a vacant building. It is for sale. It used to be a health care facility and looking at turning it into a daycare. There will be a hearing at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Clerk:** Kathy Davis stated that she was able to attend training in Lake Chelan and that she learned a lot. Jeff and herself were working on come large accounts and estimates that they may have saved the city roughly \$10,000 a year. Would like to hang flags for the different holidays down the main streets. Received the parks development grant. WSU students will be visiting in June with the architect class. They will do the design-, two-, five- and ten-year plan. They will be asking the community for their input.

**Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker stated that while working with Kathy these are some long-term contracts that they are working on. The wastewater treatment plant permit is out for the last review. That will save the city \$11,500 a year. May is coming up that starts the trimming at the cemetery and the flowerpots start coming out along the streets. Would like to hang flags for the different holidays down the main streets. Received the parks development grant. WSU architect students will be visiting in June. They will do the design-, two-, five- and ten-year plan. They will be asking the community for their input.

**Police Chief:** Nolan Wentz stated that their new hire Kyle Molineux will be going to the academy April 25th. The police department has been busy. The young officers are developing very fast. They are finding the graffiti artists, armed robbery and first-degree assault and finding them almost every day. Looking at a reserve officer that is wanting to come on full time. The Chief will be doing a background and psychological test. The flock cameras are working wonders on finding the criminals. Funding that was applied for, for the building will be announced on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Yet to hear from the state on their funding but they are still in session.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Kiona Dick – President of Wapato Lions Club. Submitting a letter early this year. Submitting for the approval for the Harvest Festival. Applied for different funding to help. Wanted to thank the cemetery crew for being accommodating for a funeral.

#### **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.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Kathy Davis, Clerk

