

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of May 15, 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, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Clerk Kathy Davis, Police Chief Nolan Wentz
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, City Attorney Julie Norton via zoom.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. Land Use Change – Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the opening of the public hearing for changing a piece of land from a healthcare (dental office) to a daycare at 7:01pm. YVCOG Albert Miller was present to give recommendations to the council to approve the change to a daycare. There were some conditions given to the council to consider. With no public comment and no discussion from the council the hearing was closed at 7:07pm.
- b. Flood Damage Prevention – Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the opening of the public hearing for flood control at 7:08pm. Attorney Julie Norton mentioned that the Department of Ecology mentioned that the codes needed to be updated. There will be no big changes just updating our municipal codes. There was no public comment. No comment from the council. The hearing was closed at 7:10pm.

## **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 May 1, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of May 1st Meeting Minutes. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 1st. Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance 2023-05 Amending City Park Municipal Code to Allow Alcohol for City Sanctioned Events – This would amend the code to allow alcohol sales and consumption at the park for different functions that are approved by the council. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Ordinance 2023-05. No council member made a motion. There was no discussion. No approvals. All opposed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. YVCOG Albert Miller was present to give an update as to some data they collected and information from residents. YVCOG is working on a final draft to present to the council.
- b. Approval of bid for Cemetery Lawnmower. Public works director Jeff Schumacker presented the council with three bids for lawnmowers. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the bids for a lawnmower. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the lawnmower bid. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Resolution 2023-07 Yakima County Solid Waste Management Plan – Jeff Schumacker mentioned that this was a renewal of the interlocal agreement with Yakima County for waste landfill. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Resolution 2023-07. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ordinance 2023-06 Regulating Flood Control and Prevention of Damages – Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Ordinance 2023-06. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief:** Bob Clark was absent.

**Clerk:** Kathy Davis stated that there is not much to report. Girls are doing a great job.

**Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker stated that Memorial Day is coming up with a lot of attention given to the cemetery. The second application of fertilizer goes on this week and the second application of mole kill as been applied. USDA is promoting the Japanese beetle kill. They will go to anyone's yard and spray for no charge. They have already sprayed city owned property. It will affect our agriculture. It is a one-day spray. If you rent the property owner has to give the ok to do. Early striping starts next week.

**Police Chief:** Nolan Wentz stated he had the opportunity to meet with Dan Newhouse. He showed him the old police station which had already seen. Then he took him to the new building. He was interested in it. Maybe Mr. Newhouse can give us some ideas on funding. The homicide on Wasco street was a tragedy. The family is having a hard time. One car was caught near Toppenish. The flock cameras helped to catch the second vehicle. We have another influx of homeless people. They bring with them some issues. Right now, is training time for officers.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

No audience Participation

## **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 7:45pm.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Kathy Davis, Clerk