

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of June 20, 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, Rita Alvarado.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Clerk Kathy Davis, Fire Chief Bob Clark, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, City Attorney Julie Norton.

## **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 seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from June 5, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve meeting minutes from June 5<sup>th</sup> with the amendment to add her name on the roll call. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A comment was made about some payments made in June for the June Fest. It looks like someone was trying to hide some band payments. The budget for parks includes funds for functions such as the Harvest Festival. 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 before the discussion then Frank Jaime made motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Gina Ramos: Stated that she went to City Hall and that girl didn't know what she was talking about. She was hoping that she would have been at the council meeting to ask her some questions. Was concerned about the misreads. The June Fest it was stated that there was a grant. Which was misstated, it came out of the parks budget. It was stated by Ms. Ramos that the pool had received grants to operate. If we can get money to fix the pool, it will work. Would appreciate it if the mayor knew what everyone's job is.

Kiona Dick: Confused about the June Fest. The parks department pays more for the Harvest Fest. That is the port-a-potty, labor, electrical boxes. On the pool, HUD wanted to purchase the pool. Juan Orozco told them no.

Cassandra: Had a question as to is there a way there could be a fundraiser to raise money for the pool.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. YAKCORPS Interlocal Agreement – Kyle Curtis presented that there were a few changes with YAKCORPS. 1. The operating committee went from 7 to 8 people. There are a couple of changes. 2. Changing from City of Yakima to Yakima County. They would put all the accounting under one roof, which would make more sense and help make things run more smoothly. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the YAKCORPS changes. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the YAKCORPS changes. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Liquor License – El compadre Sports Bar & Family Restaurant – Council member Rita Alvarado abstained from voting on this item. This was tabled so Chief Wentz could be there to give a report regarding police calls to the facility.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. YVCOG – Housing Action Plan. Albert Miller was present to go over a couple of items on the housing action plan and to answer any questions that the council had. The final draft will be just like the preliminary. Objectives and strategies still need to be completed.
- b. Animal Control Agreement. Chief Bob Clark stated that with the change of hands at the Humane Society this contract is for only two months, June, and July. The humane society is getting over-inundated with animals. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Animal Control Agreement. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the animal control agreement. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief:** Bob Clark started out with a thank you for approving the animal control agreement. Building permit purchases are up. With the warm weather homeowners are doing remodels and home improvements. The fire department has been busy. Calls are way up. Careers on wheels went great. The kids had a great time. Received a grant from Yakama Nation.

**Clerk:** Kathy Davis stated that she handed out an ARPA sheet to show what was spent and what is still available. She also put on there when the funds have to be used by. With Julie's help we were able to get an application together to expend funds for the utilities.

**Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker stated that he was able to spend time with a WSU professor and students. They were at the parks to see what could be done at the parks. They will be putting together three different ideas and will present them to the council. Flashing crosswalk signs will be in soon. Striping will be done now that school is out. The end of July is when the city dump day will be. It will be by the train depot.

**Police Chief:** Nolan Wentz was absent.

**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