

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of June 5, 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, Police Chief Nolan Wentz, 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 Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from May 15, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of May 15th meeting minutes. Council member Ken Workman made a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 15th. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

It was asked if there could be bars codes put on the claims vouchers and the names for the payroll voucher. 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 Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Liquor License for El Compadre Sports Bar & Family Restaurant. Chief Wentz stated that there are problems at El Compadre. They are outside of the law. It was asked to table till Chief Wentz can find out more about what is required by the liquor board. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval to table the issuance of the liquor license upon further information. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to table the license upon more information. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Interlocal Agreement with Yakima Consortium for Regional Public Safety. Chief Clark asked to table this until he and Chief Wentz could discuss it and have Kyle Curtis, Yakima County Commissioner come and explain it to council. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the tabling of the Interlocal Agreement. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to table the interlocal agreement. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated that there has been an increase in strays. Animal control is doing a good job catching them. Code Enforcement: With the weather getting nicer there has been an increase in building permits. Homeowners are doing home repairs. Fire Department has been busy. For the month of May calls were up 15%. In just five (5) days into June they have already had 19 calls. The end of the school year is upon us. The fire department will be doing a career on wheels. Elementary and middle schools will be having end of year field day and the fire department will take a truck over and spray water for the kids.

Clerk: Kathy Davis stated that things at City Hall were running smoothly. Annual report was filed and on time. Will be doing an audit around August.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker was absent.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated there is one at the police academy and there is one officer at instructor training. Once the officer is at instructor training, he will be a certified police trainer. The Inspire building has been a tough sale to get funding. Chief keeps working on it. The flock cameras have been a great asset.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Gina Ramos: Wanted to let the council know that the cemetery looked awful. She received a lot of complaints about the way it looked. The trash cans were overflowing and were very smelly. One employee's tone of voice was not good. Was asking about winter averages.

Kiona Dick: There needs to more honesty about the June fest. Since the June Fest was a city function the Mayor and employees should have stayed to make sure everything was picked up and cleaned up.

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.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk