

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of July 3, 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: 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 Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Frank Jaime 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:**

- a. Liquor License – El Compadre Sports Bar & Family Restaurant – Council member Rita Alvarado abstained from voting on this item. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for El Compadre Sports Bar & Family Restaurant. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the liquor license for El Compadre Sports Bar and Family Restaurant. There were three that voted yes and three that voted no. Mayor Margaret Estrada broke the tie with a yes vote, to give El Compadre their license.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Liquor License:
  1. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Restaurant San Juan. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the liquor license for Restaurant San Juan. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  2. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for American Legion. Council member Ken Workman made a motion to approve the liquor license for the American Legion. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  3. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Exit 44 Sports Bar & Restaurant. Council member Elizabeth Villa made a motion to approve the liquor license for Exit 44 Sports Bar & Restaurant. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **Fire Chief: Bob Clark**

- \* Animal Control – Contract up for renewal. Will present at the next council meeting.
- \* Code Enforcement – Working with Attorney Julie Norton on three (3) dangerous buildings. They are abandoned, old, and could become a fire hazard.
- \* Fire Department – Calls are up. July 4<sup>th</sup>, fireworks are getting worse. Need to educate the people on use and safety.

**Clerk:** Kathy Davis

- \* Absent

**Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker

- \* Naches Ave. - Will see equipment on the road for the future water/sewer lines.
- \* Comprehensive Water Plan – Permits due to Yakama Nation, they are in application mode, they are for wells 3,4, 5, and the water towers.
- \* Crack Sealing will be starting.
- \* Conservative Confidence Report – Tells everyone the water is safe and used properly. The report is up to date and looks good and should be finalized by the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- \* City Wide Clean-up – July 29<sup>th</sup>. By the Depot from 8-4. Rules will be posted on the website.

**Police Chief:** Nolan Wentz

- \* One officer at the academy. He is about halfway through.
- \* Still trying to get funding for the new building.
- \* Made some personnel changes and has seen some improvements.
- \* The A/C went out in the building. Hope to get it back up soon.
- \* Flock Cameras – Thanks again for the cameras. They have been a tremendous help.
- \* Cars parked on the street without tabs are considered abandoned.

### **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.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Kathy Davis, Clerk