

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of August 21, 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. Via Zoom: Caroline Solis, Elizabeth Villa.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Fire Chief Bob Clark, Police Sgt Mike Deccio, Clerk Kathy Davis
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

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 August 7, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of August 7th meeting minutes. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve meeting minutes from August 7th. Council member Ken Workman 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. It was asked if a packet could be brought as to what the ARPA funds can be used for.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Gina Ramos:

Stood in for Marla Hernandez, as she could not attend.

- Wanted to know if the Tamale Festival could be held at the park.
- If the City could provide: electricity, port-a-potties, and security.
- The Tamale Festival will be October 7th.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Albert Miller from YVCOG presented Resolution 2023-11. The Housing Action Plan. This is a resolution approving the Housing Action Plan. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Resolution 2023-11. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Liquor License:
 1. New license for Don Camaron LLC, located at 210 S Wapato Ave. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Don Camaron. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the liquor license for Don Camaron. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 2. Fiesta Mexicana Market LLC. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Fiesta Mexicana Market. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the liquor license for Fiesta Mexicana Market LLC. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Resolution 2023-10 – Adoption of the Yakima County Washington Hazard Mitigation Plan. This will help if a disaster happens FEMA will help out. Also, it allows the city to apply for FEMA Grants. Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Resolution 2023-10. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Gray & Osborne Construction Standards Contract Amendment 11 – This is the City Standards to construction in Wapato. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Construction Standards Contract with Gray & Osborne. Council Member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the Construction Standards Contract. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Lexipol for the Fire Department – Chief Clark stated that this would help with policy management, online training, and wellness. ARPA would pay for the first three years. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Lexipol. Council member Chuck Stephens made a motion to table this until they could have further discussion about it. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark

- * Animal Control – As of September 1st there will no longer be any animal control officers. The pounds are overcrowded. Chief Clark will be looking into other options.
- * Code Enforcement – The home on N Camas has been boarded up. There will be other homes that will be secured.
- * Fire Department – Calls are up 17%. Fire has had 479 calls for the year.

Clerk: Kathy Davis

- * Thanked the council for the opportunity to attend budget workshop. She learned a lot.
- * Heard from the auditors they will be doing a compliance audit only. They will be sending a list of items over that they want and will be on site about Sept. 14th.
- * Has a meeting in Toppenish to reestablish the MVTV Board. This is what pays for our council meetings to be aired on Mid Valley Tv.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

- * Has applied for the RCO grant.
- * Just under \$200,000 to repair park restroom. There is black mold, and the roof is caving in.
- * Submitted the TIB application for grant for Naches Ave.
- * Looking to try to fix the traffic flow at N Ahtanum rd.
- * Will bring in estimates on what it will cost to repair the pool.

Interim Police Chief: Mike Deccio

- * There have been 184 calls for August.
- * Will have one officer graduate from the academy August 31.
- * An officer had his patrol car ran into.

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 7:50pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk