

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of August 7, 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, Caroline Solis, Rita Alvarado.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Bob Clark, Police Sgt Mike Deccio, Clerk Kathy Davis
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, Zoom City Attorney Julie Norton.

MEETING AGENDA:

Additions & Deletions. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Caroline Solis made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from July 3, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of July 3rd meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve meeting minutes from July 3rd. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Caroline Solis made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Community Gardens Volunteers:

Nieves Rojas and Zenaida Rojas

- Wanted to know more about the six acres by the community gardens.
- Want to be able to burn weeds.
- There is a big gate and wanted to get a key for it.

Marla Hernandez:

- The Tamale Festival is scheduled for October 7th. Would like to have it at the park.
- Will the restrooms at the park be fixed?
- Weeds next to her home are a fire hazard. There is also a new home going up by her and she is concerned a fire may get started.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Liquor License:

1. Xpress Mart: Sgt Deccio stated there were no issues with Xpress Mart. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Xpress Mart. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the liquor license for Xpress Mart. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Fire Department use of ARPA Funds for a tool kit. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the tool kit. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the tool kit. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Interlocal Agreement with MidValley Television

1. Resolution 2023-09 Administration of Finances - Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Resolution 2023-09. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve Resolution 2023-09. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance 2023-08 Adoption of the MVTV Cable Communications. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Ordinance 2023-08. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-08. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Animal Control Agreement – This contract will be for the month of August. Chief Clark is working with animal control on a new contract. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Animal Control Agreement. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the Animal Control Agreement. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark

- * Animal Control – Thanked the council for approving the contract for August. Will have a meeting with the Humane Society to discuss contract.
- * Code Enforcement – Chief Clark is working with Attorney Julie Norton on some abandoned homes. The first one they are working on could be a fire hazard for homes and businesses that are close by. The owner has ten days to secure the home and 60 days to update or tear the building down.
- * Fire Department – Thank you for approving the tool kit. July 4th was a mild night, no fires nor injuries.

Clerk: Kathy Davis

- * City Hall is running great. The girls are doing a great job.
- * Kathy will be attending budget training. It is time to gear up for budget season.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

- * Absent

Interim Police Chief: Mike Deccio

- * Chief Wentz has retired and left some large shoes to fill.
- * Will have one officer graduate from the academy at the end of the month.
- * Was able to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the crime lab. It will be a great asset to the community.

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.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk