

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of September 18, 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, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis.
- 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: Via Zoom - Attorney Julie Norton, Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

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

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from September 5, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 5<sup>th</sup> once they are amended, adding her name to the roll call. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Doug Milne:

- Was denied access to park at the community center to walk his dog.
- Not good when citizens are being spoken to rudely.
- There were 23 spaces that he could have parked.
- Tried to get the video but everyone was closed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Lexipol: Swearing in of Officer Molineux: Clerk Kathy Davis swore in Officer Molineux.
- b. Liquor License: Las Palmas Nightclub Renewal. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the liquor license for Las Palmas. Council member Caroline Solis made a motion to approve the liquor license for Las Palmas Nightclub. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Dispatch Service Agreement: Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Dispatch Service Agreement. Council member Elizabeth Villa made a motion to approve the Dispatch Service Agreement. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief:** Bob Clark

- \* Animal Control – Has seen a decrease in calls.
- \* Code Enforcement – Building on N. Camas is being torn down. Been in contact with businesses to make sure they are removing graffiti 24-48 hours. Request another hearing for the French Lane Project on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Fire Department – Lexipol contract has been signed. In the process of selecting new officers. Next meeting, they will be presented to the council. There has been an increase in calls.

**Clerk:** Kathy Davis

- \* Sent two girls to training.
- \* Things at City Hall have been going very well.

**Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker

- \* Crosswalk signs have been installed.
- \* Application went in today for a grant for the restroom at the park.
- \* Washington State Public Works Trust – Awarded to Wapato \$1.2 million for Well 5.

**Interim Police Chief:** Mike Deccio

- \* Had a total of 191 calls. Eleven had led to arrests.
- \* A suspected drunk driver ran off the road hitting two individuals asleep in the park. They were taken to the hospital where one was flown to Harbor View. A few hours later the suspect was arrested and booked.
- \* Wanted to give the officers a big appreciation. They keep investigating and can figure out who committed the crime. Officers are restricted in chasing victims.
- \* Held interviews. There were five interviewed.

**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