

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of September 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, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa. Via Zoom: Caroline Solis
- b. City Staff in attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Fire Chief Bob Clark, Police Sgt Mike Deccio
- c. Others that were present: 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 Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from August 21, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of August 21st meeting minutes. Council member Chuck Stephens made a motion to approve meeting minutes from August 21st. Council member Ken Workman 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 Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Kiona Dick:

- The Harvest Festival was a success.
- Thank you to all that volunteered to help.
- Thank you, Gina, for all the help.

Brenda Cueva:

- Coordinator for Wapato Wellness Coalition
- Looking for a place to have meetings, they are the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm
- Doing a survey on what the community needs. The survey goal is 180 responses.

Doug Milne:

- Was denied access to park at the community center to walk his dog.
- There was a lot of foot traffic for the food drive. School parents were not allowed to park there either.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Lexipol: This will be ARPA funded. Chief Clark stated that this would help the fire department to adhere to WAC's and provide training. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Fire Department Lexipol. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the Fire Department Lexipol. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Ken Workman opposed.
- b. Humane Society Contract – This new contract is good till the end of the year 2023. They can only accept eight dogs per month. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the Humane Society Contract. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the Humane Society Contract. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark

- * Animal Control – Thank you for approving the Humane Society contract. I will help till the end of the year. Chief Clark and Sgt. Deccio are looking into other options.
- * Code Enforcement – The home on N Camas has been boarded up and is secure. Continuing to work on graffiti around town.

- * Fire Department – Thank you for the approval of the Lexipol. Chief Clark is working with Ms. Clark, a special education teacher, to help the students with some life skills. The fire department is seeing record number of calls.

Clerk: Kathy Davis

- * Was on vacation.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker

- * 9th and Camas, and 9th and Status crosswalk signs are in. They will start the installation on those.
- * Naches Ave needs some extensive repairs. Will need to go out for bids.
- * This was the first Harvest Festival that Mr. Schumacker took off.
- * Looking forward to the Tamale Festival.
- * Will bring in estimates on what it will cost to repair the pool and operation costs.

Interim Police Chief: Mike Deccio

- * Thank you to all the volunteers that worked the Harvest Festival. It was a good crowd, and there were no incidents that required police assistance.
- * Had a vehicle crash into a yard. The playground equipment was hit but no injuries.
- * Officer Mouligneux has graduated from the academy and will be sworn in at the next meeting.

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

