

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of January 2, 2024

## **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 Ken Workman
- c. Mayor Margaret Estrada was sworn in as Mayor. Council Members Ken Workman, Oscar Gonzalez, Elizabeth Villa, and Caroline Solis were sworn in.

## **ROLL CALL:**

- a. Council Members in attendance: Rita Alvarado, Ken Workman, Oscar Gonzalez, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis. Chuck Stephens, Frank Jaime – Excused  
Absence
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Sgt Mike Deccio, Clerk Kathy Davis, Fire Chief Bob Clark. Public Works Director Excused Absence
- c. Others that were present: Via zoom Attorney Julie Norton, Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

## **Public Hearing:**

None

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

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

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from December 18, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Council member Ken Workman made a motion to approve meeting minutes from December 4<sup>th</sup>. Council member Caroline Solis 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:**

There was no Audience Participation

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Yakima Valley Crime Lab Agreement Amendment – The pay scale is done by population. Wapato's went up to \$6,800. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the crime lab amendment agreement. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the crime lab amendment agreement. Council member Oscar Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Liquor License for Temptations Restaurant Bar & Nightclub - Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of liquor license for Temptations. Council member Caroline Solis made a motion to approve the liquor license for Temptations. Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Contract for Indigent Defense Services - Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the contract for defense services. Council member Elizabeth Villa made a motion to approve the defense services contract. Council member Oscar Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Axon Contract for Tasers - Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the contract for tasers. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve the taser contract with Axon. Council member Oscar Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ordinance 2024-01 Update Municipal Code with Council Meeting Dates & Time - Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Ordinance 2024-01. Council Member Caroline Solis made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

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

- \* Animal Control – Took six dogs to the animal shelter. Had to put down five dogs because they either attacked other dogs or children.
- \* Code Enforcement – 2024 is bringing in several residential and commercial projects.
- \* Fire Department – Calls for December were down. For the year of 2023 calls were up 17%. The increase is due to homelessness, alcohol, and drugs. Going to try a few things to decrease the amount of calls.

### **Clerk:** Kathy Davis

- \* City Hall is busy closing out 2023. Working on W2's and end of quarter reports.

### **Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker

- \* Absent

### **Interim Police Chief:** Mike Deccio

- \* There were 21 arrests this month. For the year there were 286 arrests.
- \* New Years was a slow night for the Wapato PD.
- \* Adrian Rameriz started on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. Looking at getting him into the academy.
- \* Will be looking into a full time investigator.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Elizabeth Villa made a motion to adjourn. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Kathy Davis, Clerk