

**CITY OF WAPATO**  
**Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers**  
**Minutes of January 2, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Juan Orozco called the regular Council meeting of Tuesday, January 2, 2018 to order at 7:00 pm.

- a. Councilmembers Tony Gaytan, Dora Alvarez-Roa, Ralph Sanchez, Tony Guzman, and Keith Workman pledged their Oath to Office.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Welcome

**ROLL CALL:**

- d. Present: Those in attendance included Mayor Juan Orozco, Councilmembers, Tony Gaytan, Dora Alvarez-Roa, Ralph Sanchez, Tony Guzman, Frank Jaime and Keith Workman.
- a. Absent: None
- b. City Staff Present: City Attorney (CA) Robert Noe, Interim Public Works Director (IPWD) Jeff Schumacker, Police Sgt. Deccio, and Clerk-Treasurer (CT) Robin Cordova
- c. City Staff Absent: Fire Chief Santos Valdez

**HONORS/RECOGNITION:** None

**MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL:**

- a. Additions and Deletions or Corrections to Proposed Agenda: Mayor Orozco requested that a contract that came in from City Jail be added to the agenda. Basic Service Agreement for housing people from Normandy Park at \$60 a day for 12 months. Workman and Frank requested to read prior to approval. Councilman Reyna motion to add and Councilwoman Alvarez-Roa seconded. Motion carried. Workman requested to add discussion about City Attorney. He also requested to make a motion to review all contracts since Mayor has been inducted into office. Mayor said that it would be put under Old Business.
- b. Agenda Approval: Motion by Councilmember Alvarez-Roa, seconded by Councilmember Gaytan, to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Councilmember Workman requested meeting minutes be amended, page 4 of 18. The issue was regarding the hiring of the city attorney. Minutes should state that the mayor explained that it was an administrative decision with no budgetary impact. Motion by Councilmember Alvarez-Roa, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to approve the consent agenda with the amendment made. Motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council excused audience for executive session. No action taken.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Rosemary Lamas complimented PW for cemetery work.

Irolena Gonzalez complimented the PW for cemetery work. She stated that it was nice to see smaller equipment rather than large tractors at cemetery. Would like to see that Tim Morris, the Cemetery Committee Chair, would be able speak about everything regarding the cemetery committee report. There are a lot of positive ideas that the cemetery has brought forward. Would like to know if policy on payment for cemetery plots is mandatory. Mayor Orozco recommended that she come in and review policies.

Becky Cordova said that she was pleased with the cemetery. Congratulations to all council members for their role in our community and that the Cordova family supports them.

Magda Maes stated that she would like everyone to keep up the good work. She asked the Council to please listen to the community. We want the city to be beautified. The cemetery is a great place to start, but looking forward to the city becoming better. Congratulations to everyone on council. Keep up the good work.

John Rocha said that he is glad to be part of the cemetery committee. The Wyoming cemetery is beautiful. He has lots of family buried here, and he wants the Wapato cemetery to be beautiful too. Thank you to the new council and he's glad to be on board with good people.

Mayor Orozco said that he is pleased to hear the comments being made. It is time for unity and people working together in our community. It's time to move forward and put our community first.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Attorney Contract:** Councilman Workman questioned why Mr. Noe would enter into a contract with Mayor Orozco without council approval. Mr. Noe said that under RCW 35(a) 12 a city cannot function without a city attorney. When Mayor Orozco contacted Mr. Noel, it was confirmed that there would be no budgetary impact. The statute does not require council confirmation for appointment of the city attorney. The CA Noe confirmed that there would be no budgetary impact for his appointment, and that the contract is the same as the last city attorney. Councilman Workman was ensured the city attorney represents the entity of the City of Wapato.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council does not have to act on the following items because this is the first touch, unless they make a motion to do so.

**Mayor Pro tempore:** Mayor Orozco requested the appointment of Councilman Reyna as the Mayor Pro tempore. Councilwoman Alvarez-Roa made the motion, Gaytan seconded and motion carried with council approval.

**Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YCOG):** Mayor plans to attend all meetings, but needs someone to be an alternate. Councilman Jamie made a motion for Councilwoman Alvarez-Roa to be the alternate. Councilman Gaytan seconded. Motion carried.

**Mid Valley TV Board:** Mayor appointed himself to the board. Mayor requested that Councilman Reyna be his alternate. Councilwoman Alvarez-Roa made the motion and Workman seconded. Motion carried.

### **Professional Service Agreement**

Mayor requested the approval of the service agreement for Robin Cordova. Councilwoman Alvarez-Roa moved to approve. Councilman Gaytan seconded. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS**

- a. Correspondence- None.
- b. Committee Reports
  1. Cemetery Board: Tim Morris, Chairperson
    - Job Corp is willing to make benches at cost. Currently 9 benches are committed for purchase.
    - Cemetery Software was found at city hall. It should help to prevent future mistakes. Once employees are trained it should make cemetery business more efficient.
    - Public Works Dept. is going to trim trees around border of cemetery.
    - Rodent control is continuing, and has been showing great results.
    - Log book for the staff that work out there to hold them accountable.
    - Water Pump: address issues with the pump.
    - Roof of building: the roof needs a little work.
    - May 12<sup>th</sup> will be a community day at cemetery. Would like families to come help clean on that day. Weed eating and grave identification should be done in advance. Would like to have people also bring food for those that are working.
- c. Department Reports
  1. Police Department: Sgt. Deccio.
    - Communication has been very good.
    - Patrol has been increased in town. Thermal imager is being used.
    - Motel 97 fire handled well.
    - Smart Phones will help.
    - Looking at purchasing new police vehicles
  2. Public Works: Jeff Schumacker
    - Major Projects: Replacement of the N Wapato Lift Station on east end of N Track Rd., Skone Way Lift Station on Skone Way, and the French Lane Project. Both lift station projects are of no cost to the city.
    - Good Communication with no issues.

3. Mayor's Report:
  - Mayor has requested that when Public Works Department has to sand roads, that roads on the North side of the tracks be included as well.
  - Mayor said that there may need to be budgetary increases if winter is bad.
  - Mayor Orozco has requested that a list be compiled of those people that will need assistance during bad weather.
  - Cemetery would be nice with benches and solar lights. Need to look at whether cemetery should be closed at night. Community should be surveyed for their opinions. The main goal is to have it clean, accessible and safe.
4. Community Center:
  - Councilman Jamie said that there are lots of different activities that the community center is being used for.
  - Working with the Public Works Dept. to make sure that the Community City is being taken care of.
5. Swimming Pool
  - Jeff Schumacker said that the Dept. of Labor & Industries has deemed that THE POOL IS UNSAFE. Pool will have to be completely redone to make safe for the public. Mayor said that the swimming pool is going to be a big challenge, but they are challenges that can be met.
6. Fire Department  
None
7. Admin/Finance:  
None
8. Planning Commission:  
None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Juan Orozco, Mayor

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Robin Cordova, Clerk-Treasurer