

CITY OF WAPATO
Special Council Meeting – Council
Chambers Minutes of January 24, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Alvarez-Roa called the Special Council meeting of Thursday, January 24, 2019 to order at 9:00 am.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation
- c. Welcome

ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Those in attendance included Mayor Dora Alvarez-Roa, Council members, Ralph Sanchez, Joel Torres, Ira Cantu, Chuck Stevens, and Barbara Perez.
- b. Absent: Brinda Quintanilla-Bautista, Keith Workman.
- c. City Staff Present: Police Sgt. Deccio, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker.

HONORS/RECOGNITION:

None

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion was made by Barbara Perez and seconded by Joel Torres. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Discussion with legal counsel regarding pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) with potential action to follow.

Present by phone: Attorney AnnMarie Soto from Kenyon Disend, PLLC.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Councilperson Irasema Gonzalez- Cantu moved to authorize the City's legal counsel to submit an offer of judgement in the matter of Aguirre vs. City of Wapato in the amount of \$20,000. Councilperson Barbara Perez seconded the motion. Motion

carried unanimously.

ADMIN. REPORTS:

- a. Public Works Jeff Schumacker reported that he has ordered flower pots for downtown, the pool is nearly completed.
- b. Public Safety Sgt. Deccio stated that we have hired new police officers and out two new police cars are being fitted with lights and cages.
- c. City Administrator Juan Orozco stated that when outsiders sue our City the entire community ends up suffering. When 5 or 6 people take from the City Tax payers things like lowering utility taxes or purchasing a slide for the pool may not be an option because the settlement payout has to come from somewhere.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- a. Frances Ayres – Stated that it was the City of Wapato’s fault that people were suing.
- b. Doug Milne – Expressed his dissatisfaction of not getting his property inspected. Mayor recommended that he go to City Hall to resolve his issue and he responded by saying he wasn’t going to.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Councilmember Perez to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Cantu. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned 9:23 a.m.

Dora Alvarez Roa, Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer