

CITY OF WAPATO
Regular Council Meeting- Telephone Conference
Minutes of April 6, 2020

Call to Order: City Attorney Julie Norton called the meeting to order in absence of the Mayor.

Roll Call:

- a. Present: Those in attendance via telephone conference included councilmembers Chuck Stephens, Margaret Estrada, Carolina Solis, Frances Ayres, Ralph Sanchez, and Julie Norton, City Attorney
- b. Absent: Judith Owens-Canapo; Jesse Farias; Mayor Keith Workman
- c. City Staff Present: Fire Chief, Bob Clark, Police Chief Nolan Wentz, City Clerk Treasurer, Kimberly Grimm, Public Works Director, Jeff Schumacher

Announcement: City Attorney made the following announcement:

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 20-28, issued by Governor Jay Inslee, all meetings of the City Council will be held remotely so long as the “Stay Home – Stay Healthy” Proclamation is in effect. In-person or physical attendance is not permitted at this time. Therefore, the public’s ability to “attend” such meetings is through remote access only. There will be no public comment period during remote meetings. The Council is limited to taking actions at these remote meetings on items that are “necessary and routine,” and that are responsive to COVID-19 pandemic. No action will be taken on any item except as set forth in the agenda.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem: CM Stevens made motion to appoint Councilmember Margaret Estrada to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in absence of the Mayor. Motion approved 4-1 (CM Sanchez opposed)

Consent Agenda: Mayor Pro tem Estrada called for a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of Meeting Minutes (February 18, 2020 (regular meeting) and March 5, 2020 (special meeting)), Payroll Vouchers, Repayment Agreement for Retirement Contribution (Sandoval). CM Solis motioned and CM Stephens seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

New Business:

- a. Attorney Norton presented proposed Resolution to allow flexibility during COVID-19 emergency. CM Stevens made motion to approve Resolution Declaring Emergency Related to COVID-19 and Authoring Temporary Relief from City Policies and Procures During the Emergency as set forth therein. CM Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).
- b. Attorney Norton presented contract proposing to substitute a prosecutor. CM Stevens made motion to approve Agreement for prosecution services to substitute prosecutor as presented. CM Ayers seconded. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).
- c. Attorney Norton presented proposed contract for employment of police chief. CM Stevens made motion to approve Employment Agreement with Nolan Wentz to serve as Police Chief as the Agreement is presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

d. Attorney Norton introduced contract for code enforcement and fire chief services. CM Stevens made motion to approve Employment Agreement with Bob Clark to serve as Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer as the Agreement is presented. CM Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

e. Attorney Norton introduced and explained need for MOUS with union to delay contract negotiations for a year. CM Stevens made motion(s) to approve Memorandums of Understanding with Teamsters Local 760 for the Police Employees and Support employees as each are presented. CM Solis seconded. Motions carried unanimously (5-0).

Adjournment.