

**CITY OF WAPATO**  
**Regular Council Meeting – Council**  
**Chambers Minutes of March 5, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Alvarez-Roa called the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, March 5, 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, Chuck Stevens, Barbara Perez, Keith Workman, Irasema Gonzalez- Cantu, Brinda Quintanilla- Bautista showed up after Council Meeting started.
- b. Absent: None.
- c. City Staff Present: City Administrator Juan Orozco, City Clerk- Treasurer Kimberly Grimm, Police Chief Dominic Rizzi, Sgt. Michael Campos, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Council Member Joel Torres motioned to approve the Minutes of the February 2019 Council Meeting. Council Member Rafael Sanchez seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilmen Workman stated the minutes didn't reflect accurately a vote at prior meeting because he and others walked out and "broke the quorum". Mayor called for a vote, Motion carried with 3 descending votes from Councilmen Stevens, Councilmen Workman, and Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista.

**MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Mayor Alvarez- Roa called for motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Councilmen Torres motioned. Councilmember Perez seconded. Discussion: Councilmen Workman commented on the Consent Agenda. Mayor called for a vote. Motion passed with 3 descending votes from Councilmen Workmen, Councilmen Stevens, and Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmen Torres motion to consent agenda. Councilmen Sanchez seconded.  
Discussion: Councilmen Workman questions the purchase of a safe without prior Council Approval. Councilmen Torres explained the necessity to safe guard public funds. Motion passed with three descending votes: Councilmen Stevens, Councilmen Workman, and Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista.

Discussion: Councilmen Workman was called out of order but continued yelling stating that Councilmember Perez could not earn money & be on the Council. Councilmen Sanchez begins to question Councilmen Workman's place of residence in Wapato.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Councilmen Stevens motioned to pass Ordinance 2019-2 to change the City Council Meeting from the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00am to the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. Councilmen Sanchez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Councilmen Torres motioned to pass Resolution 2019-2 to approve contract to house inmates in Sunnyside. Councilmen Stevens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Resolution 2019-3 to pay for two Police Vehicles. Councilmen Sanchez motioned. Councilmen Torres seconded. Discussion: Councilmen Workman questions when the cars were ordered. City Administrator Orozco explains the cars were approved by Council to order in 2017. Motion passed with same 3 descending votes. Councilmen Workman, Councilmen Stevens, and Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista.
- d. Councilmen Sanchez motions to approve Contract with Kings Money LLC. Councilmen Torres seconded. Discussion: Councilmen Workman says the City is spending more money rather than saving money. Councilmember Perez abstains. 3 descending votes: Councilmen Workman, Councilmen Stevens, and Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista. Mayor Alvarez- Roa breaks the tie in favor of the motion. Motion carries.
- e. Liquor License Renewal: Council approves.
- f. Councilmen Torres puts a motion for Resolution 2019-4 BDI Increase. Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista seconded. Motion carries unanimously.
- g. Councilmen Torres motion to approve Social Media Policy. Councilmen Sanchez seconded. Motion carries with 3 descending votes: Councilmen Workman, Councilmen Stevens, and Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista.
- h. Councilmen Torres motions to approve new Public Records Disclosure Policy. Councilmen Gonzalez- Cantu seconded. Discussion: Workman expresses it to be redundant to vote on this with an RCW in place. Clerk- Treasure explains that the previously adopted policy from 2010 did not match the RCW. Motion carries with 3 descending votes: Councilmen Workman, Councilmen Stevens, and Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista.
- i. Councilmember Gonzalez- Cantu motion to approve the Community Center

- Coordinator Position. Councilmen Sanchez seconded. Discussion: Workman feels the position is unnecessary due to the Budget and that the duties could be done with staff currently in place. Councilmen Torres states the community supports the Community Center. Motion carries with 3 descending votes: Councilmen Workman, Councilmen Stevens, and Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista.
- j. Gray and Osbourne Engineer Nancy West explains the change order with the Lift Station. Councilmember Gonzalez- Cantu motions. Councilmen Stevens seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

### **ADMIN. REPORTS:**

- a. City Clerk- Treasurer: Ms. Kimberly Grimm states the City paid out large amounts to lawsuits, lawyer fees, DOR, and has been catching up on work not completed. Audit report loss- trying to recover funds that were stolen. Putting safety protocols into place. New safe, locking drawers at nightly. Discussion: Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista asks about the safe because they had a walk-in safe already. Ms. Grimm expresses it was a necessary item due to the constant traffic in the walk-in safe and the door always being open.
- b. City Administrator: Community Center Coordinator Position was already budgeted. It's important for our elders, children, and woman of the community to have these programs at the Community Center. Currently working with AWC to regain the funds that were stolen. The City is having to cut services for the Community due to all the lawyers, theft, and lawsuits. He commends Public Works and Public Safety departments and believes the City will continue to build on the good work that's already in place.
- c. Public Works: Jeff Schumacher expresses the importance of the lift station. Finally got it running- minimal work left to do. Commends the crew for keeping roads clear. Asks the public to prepare for drastic thaw and minimal flooding expected. Early summer we are directing all efforts to the Cemetery.
- d. Public Safety: Chief Dominic Rizzi says we have 2 officers in field training expected to be done in a few months. The City brought in a professional to study the Department so that we may have an outline of the issues that need to be addressed.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Cruz Garcia: Asks Mayor and City Administrator how many lawsuits have been filed against the City. Is directed by Mayor to address her only. Says it's illegal to have Councilmember Perez on Council and work for City. Accusation of nepotism, putting city in danger by re-hiring the woman suspected of embezzlement, comments on City Administrator salary.

Doug Milne: Agenda wasn't made public. Mayor says it was posted on website and extra copies are on the table in the Council Chambers. Asks how many Police cars, Chief breaks down a timeline of the same two cars and that the City was able to cut some of the cost for the two new vehicles. Pointless to pay someone to film meetings when it is not broadcasted on TV. Complains about having to pay water/sewer on vacant properties.

Cindy Goodin: Claims she was fired after bringing stuff to Mayors attention about City Administrator.

Pastor: Him and wife minister to people of Wapato. Reaches out to community. Says there is so much negativity taking place in the Council Meetings, and that he wishes people would talk more about the positive things like Community Center, Pool, Cemetery, etc. Says it saddens him and breaks his heart to see the community divided like it is. Prays for City and encourages people to pray for themselves as a community.

Frances Ayres: Says City Administrator Orozco is not right for the City. She doesn't like him. That he doesn't do right by the City, only by himself.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Councilmen Joel Torres to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmen Rafael Sanchez. Motion carries with three descending votes: Councilmen Stevens, Councilmen Workman, and Councilmember Quintanilla- Bautista. Meeting Adjourned.

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Dora Alvarez Roa, Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer