

**CITY OF WAPATO**  
Regular Council Meeting – Telephonic Due to COVID-19  
Minutes of February 16, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Keith Workman called the Telephone meeting to order.

- a. Welcome

**ROLL CALL:**

- a. Council Members in attendance: Chuck Stephens, Jessie Farias, Margaret Estrada, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Grimm, Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Fire Chief Bob Clark, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker.
- c. Others that were present: City of Wapato Legal Counsel Julie Norton, Recorder Judy Devall, Minute Taker Stormy Miller, Gray & Osborne Nancy Wetch.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 20-28, issued by Governor Jay Inslee, In-person or physical attendance is not permitted at this time. Therefore, the public's ability to "attend" this meeting is through remote access only. There will be no public comment period during this meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Keith Workman called for approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Elizabeth Villa made the motion for approval of the consent agenda. Council member Caroline Solis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER & OATH OF OFFICE:**

Wapato announced it has selected Frank Jaime to fill the vacancy of Position 3. A motion to appoint Frank Jaime to serve on the City council to fill the position 3 vacancy was made by council member Chuck Stephens and seconded by Council member Elizabeth Villa. Frances Ayres opposed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Mayor Keith Workman called for a motion to approve the Feasibility Study by Gray and Osborne for the new Police Department, to be located at the Inspire Building. Council member Chuck Stephens made a motion for approval of the Feasibility Study. Seconded by Council Member Margaret Estrada.
- b. The Police Department is looking to purchase two Police vehicles. It was presented to the council in February but the purchase prices had changed. Mayor Keith Workman called for a motion to approve the purchase of Police vehicles with a sale price of \$124,565.04 for both. Council member Jessie Farias made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicles. Seconded by Margaret Estrada. All in motion except for Frances Ayres.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Clerk/Treasurer** – Kimberly Grimm stated she was working on year end reports. The auditors were having an internal audit.

**Police Chief** – Nolan Wentz stated we now have 24 hour police service. We are seeing some tagging and have caught a couple of taggers. Teamster's contract is still in the works but it is coming along. Office Graham started police academy on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Officers Lounsbury and Reese should be done in about a month with the Police Academy. Chief Wentz responded to Council member Elizabeth Villa comment on Noah's Ark. Have seen an increase on the medical side. They are bringing homeless people down from other centers which is causing some of the issues. Not enough resources to care for all.

**Fire Chief** – Bob Clark stated there has been a 19% increase in calls since the beginning of the year. They have a new recruit Bernabe Castro Jr.. Have seen some new home around town. Animal control has been busy with stray animals.

**Public Works Director** – Jeff Schumacker stated he will be handing out a binder for the Shoreline Program. French Lane project starts next week with the irrigation to go underground. Even with all the breakdowns of the snow removal equipment they were able to keep the streets maintained.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Mayor Keith Workman commented that the graffiti is looking better and the new signs that have been put up look good. Good job! The City is looking better.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Mayor Keith Workman to adjourn the meeting. Council member Jessie Farias made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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Keith Workman, Mayor

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Kimberly Grimm, Clerk/Treasurer