

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of July 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- a. Welcome by Mayor Margaret Estrada
- b. Flag Salute Led by Council Member Frank Jaime

ROLL CALL:

- a. Council Members in attendance: Chuck Stephens, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Fire Chief Bob Clark, Clerk Kathy Davis.
- c. Others that were present: Recorder Judy Devall, City of Wapato Attorney Julie Norton via Zoom.

MEETING AGENDA:

No Additions & Deletions. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion for no additions/deletions. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from June 21, 2022 were presented for approval.

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of June 21st Meeting Minutes. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to approve meeting minutes from June 21st.

Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Ken Workman made motion for the approval of the claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of contract for Chief Bob Clark. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the contract for Chief Clark. Council member Ken Workman made motion to approve the contract for Chief Clark. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated that fire calls are up 11% year to date. With the 4th of July holiday things were rather busy. The fire department has been very busy in the first five days of July. There was a structure fire on 8th and S Tieton. The fire department was also called in to help at the Grandview fires. Next Monday the new drone should arrive and then training will begin. Megan Moss is no longer our animal control officer. Our new ACO is George Mendoza Garcia. For Code Enforcement: two new homes will be getting permits to build. Permits have been brisk.

Clerk: Kathy Davis stated that she is busy with getting quarterlies done. And we have received our second payment of ARPA funds.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker was not present.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that there are a lot more people wondering around the city during the day. It is because Noah's Ark closes during the day. On July 14th Chief will have one officer, Art Alcazar, graduate from the Academy. Jasmine Garcia will graduate August 18th. One more officer has been hired. He used to be a corrections officer for Wapato. His name is Karlo Stephas. On July 18th the cameras should be in and it shouldn't take long to install them. Only one bid came in for the Inspire Building work.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Doug Milne: Mr. Milne stated that after three years of waiting for a public records request on LIB, he finally received it. He had received 128 pages from Clerk Kathy. He hasn't read all the pages yet but he is working on it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to adjourn. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk