

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of October 3, 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, Clerk Kathy Davis, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker.
- c. Others that were present: Recorder Judy Devall, Wapato City Attorney Julie Norton via zoom.

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

Additions & Deletions. Council member Frank Jaime made motion for approval of additions/deletions. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from September 19, 2022 were presented for approval.

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of September 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes.

Council member Chuck Stephens made motion to approve meeting minutes from September 19th. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Approval for BDI Fuel Surcharge. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the BDI Fuel Surcharge. Council member Ken Workman asked to table it so they could discuss further. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Approval to use ARPA Funds for equipment for the Fire Department. Chief Clark had brought in some jaws of life to show the council what he was wanting to purchase. The clothing is protective clothing for fire use. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the use of the ARPA funds for the Fire Department. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve the ARPA funds use. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approval of cost of living raise for Attorney Daniel Polage. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of a cost of living raise for Daniel Polage. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to approve cost of living raise for Attorney Daniel Polage. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief:** Bob Clark stated that the fire department is up 15% in calls. Year to date there has been 490 calls. Chief Clarks projects to have at least 100 more calls this year. Drone training has begun. He projects that they should have the first pilot certified end of October first part of November. The chest compressors have been used several times, but with not the desired results they wanted. Thank you for the purchase. Animal Control has been doing a great job picking up stray dogs and cats. There is still a lot of graffiti. It seems as soon as it is covered it is back. There are several applications that are coming in for code enforcement for different projects.

**Clerk:** Kathy Davis stated she was working with the computer guy to get a 2023 budget out. Busy with quarterlies and getting ready for end of year processes.

**Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker stated graffiti is down. The town seems to be on a good upswing. Mr. Schumacker is entertaining a thought of a little publicity for the town. Next meeting, he will bring in a proposal on some advertising he is working on. Neighboring towns are bringing in a lot of summer tourism, Wapato needs some also.

**Police Chief:** Nolan Wentz stated a pole was knocked down that had a camera on it. On the good side of that is the camera picked up who hit the pole. They are waiting on a temporary pole to put the camera back up. Chief Wentz had an officer that ran a stop sign because she was looking at her computer to figure out how to get back to Wapato. She was t-boned and has minor damage to the police car. Chief Wentz turned it over to the insurance company. There are a lot of new faces among the homeless. They are being shipped into Wapato. Wapato does not have the resources to take care of them.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

LaDon Linde Yakima County Commissioner: Mr. Linde came and wanted to know more about the projects that were applied for from Yakima County ARPA funds. He wanted to know the councils thought as to which one would be the most important.

**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 7:36pm.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Kathy Davis, Clerk