

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of September 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Villa called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- a. Welcome by Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Villa
- 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 Chuck Stephens made motion for approval of additions/deletions. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Added to the agenda was the Notice of Completion for the French Lane project. Mayor Pro-tem Elizabeth Villa called for the approval of the Notice of Completion. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to approve the Notice of Completion. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from September 6, 2022 were presented for approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Villa called for the approval of September 6th Meeting Minutes. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve meeting minutes from September 6th. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Villa 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 Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of bid for Lions Park Parking lot. Tim DeVries from Gray & Osborne was present. Mr. DeVries stated that a small works contract was put out for the Lions Park Parking Lot paving job. The city has put down about 4 inches of rock so the contractor will only have to put down about two more inches. There were three bids that were received. The lowest bid came from Central Paving at \$88,757.64. The project was awarded to Central Paving. Mr. Schumacker explained where the parking lot was going in at and that it would give us about 24 more parking slots. We are able to use ARPA funds under tourism. Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Villa called for the approval of the bid to Central Paving. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the bid to Central Paving. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approval of Liquor License:
 - a. Exit 44. Exit 44 was on a temporary liquor license and it was up for renewal. Chief Wentz said that there has not been any problems. Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Villa called for the approval of the liquor license for Exit 44. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to approve the liquor license for Exit 44. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Fiesta Mexicana Market LLC. Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Villa called for the approval of the liquor license for Fiesta Mexicana Market. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the liquor license for Fiesta Mexicana Market. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Approval of Ordinance 2022-05 for Business License. Mayor Pro-Tem called for the approval of Ordinance 22-05. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve Ordinance 2022-05. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried with a six (6) to one (1) vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark was not present.

Clerk: Kathy Davis stated she was working on a few changes the auditors had wanted. She is working on some changed in the budget. Things were going good at City Hall.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker started out by thanking council for approving the paving project at Lions Park. Public works plans on putting up a split three-layer fence to the parking lot. The contractor would like to start within the next couple of weeks because asphalt goes offline at the end of October. Public works is busy rebuilding the alleys. They have started on the south side of town and are working northward. The wastewater treatment plant is now on the physical side of the metal removal. There will be isolated testing to find out where the largest portion of zinc is

coming from. The water department will be meeting with the Department of Health. The Inspire building renovations will begin in the next couple of days. This is the restoration from the flood damage.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that there was an officer involved shooting over the weekend. The cameras that are up have been going crazy. There has been wanted people, sex offenders, and just regular people wondering past the cameras. There are two officers that have stated that they may be moving on. Chief mentioned it happens all the time. The reasons are all different. With the weather turning cold the homeless will be looking for warmer places to sleep at night.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Kiona Dick: Ms. Dick had a question. She wanted to know a definition for ARPA. She hears it used all the time but didn't know what we meant. Mr. Schumacker told her it was a roughly 600-page document put out by the treasury. There are different kinds of packages included in it and it limits NEU's, which is what Wapato is considered, on what it can be spent on. The city didn't spend anything until the final rule came out as the what the funds can be used for. The smaller cities that needed the most have more restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Villa called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to adjourn. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk