

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of November 7, 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, Fire Chief Bob Clark.
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, Wapato City Attorney Julie Norton via zoom.

MEETING AGENDA:

Additions & Deletions. Mayor Margaret called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion for approval of additions/deletions. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from October 17, 2022 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of October 17th Meeting Minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve meeting minutes from October 17th. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of Ordinance #2022-06 Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Ordinance #2022-06 Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy. Council member Ken Workman made motion to approve ordinance 2022-06 Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy. Council member Caroline Solis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approval to use ARPA funds for previously paid Well 5 assessments and water meters. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the use of ARPA funds. Council member Caroline Solis made motion to approve the use of the ARPA funds. Council member Chuck Stephens. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Approval of a 5% cost of living raise for Prosecuting Attorney Quinn Dalan. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of a 5% cost of living raise for Prosecuting Attorney Quinn Dalan. Council member Ken Workman made motion to approve the 5% cost of living raise. Council member Rita Alvarado seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Approval of Promotional Video's of the city. Jeff Schumacker, with the help of Hispanavision TV, has put together two videos to promote the City of Wapato. Both videos were played for the council. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the promotional videos. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve the promotional videos. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated that the fire department has been very busy. Calls are up from last year. October calls were up 29% from the previous year. As far as Chief Clark can remember the city is at an all-time high of calls. The jaws-of-life are scheduled to be out in six weeks to a month. That is ahead of schedule. They should be operational at the end of November beginning of December. Humane Society has been working diligently picking up strays. The Humane Society contract is coming up for renewal. Code Enforcement: The French Lane project for homes is coming along. Chief Clark has been working with YVCOG on the project. There will be a public hearing on December 5th council meeting on the 23 parcels that are planned for the area. Hopefully next year we will see progress start.

Clerk: Kathy Davis stated that she has been working with the Department of Commerce to get a grant for utilities arrearages. Waiting for the contract. Ms. Davis also stated that she is working with the Department of Revenue. They will be taking over the city's business license. If a business comes in, they will have to apply through the Department of Revenue.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker stated he had no information to share

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that he has one candidate in process. They are using a fire department schedule for the police officers. Chief Wentz isn't too sure how that works. Chief Wentz will be attending a job fair on the 17th to see if he can attract more candidates, because he is losing another officer next month to the sheriff's office. ARPA funds were approved for flock cameras from the county. The building is coming along. Painting has been done, but funding has not been easy to get.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Kiona Dick: Ms. Dick stated that the Lions Club wants to do gifts for kids for Christmas on December 17th from 1 to about 5ish. She would like to use the community center for this event. If anyone knows of an organization that could donate that would be a great help. They are going to be serving snacks and drinks. The last time it was done there were over 400 kids and they ran out of things. Mayor Margaret Estrada mentioned that there will be a bazaar with Santa showing up on a fire truck.

Doug Milne: Mr. Milne stated that he still has not received copies of a building permit. Chief Clark mentioned that Mr. Milne still needed to present his cost estimate. That would be based on the plans that he turned in.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to adjourn. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk

