

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of December 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 via zoom, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz via zoom, Clerk Kathy Davis, 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 Caroline Solis made motion for approval of additions/deletions. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from November 21, 2022 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of November 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes. Council member Chuck Stephens made motion to approve meeting minutes from November 21st. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

## **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 Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. There was no new business. The item on the agenda was to be a public hearing. It was moved to January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief:** Bob Clark stated that the fire department calls for service have increased significantly. Last month they were up 21%. It is the most calls that Wapato has had. Working on the installation of the jaws-of-life. Thursday night Chief Clark is having a Christmas party for his volunteers and their families. Code Enforcement: There will be a public hearing on January 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting on the 23 parcels that are planned for French Lane. Animal Control: continue to work with humane society.

**Clerk:** Kathy Davis stated that she is working on the end of month items. Working on budget.

**Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker was absent, but Mayor Margaret Estrada gave a report that Public Works received an \$806,000.00 grant from Transportation Improvement Board. It will repair Naches Ave from 1<sup>st</sup> street to 4<sup>th</sup>. Also received a grant for crack sealing.

**Police Chief:** Nolan Wentz stated that they have responded to 15 calls to Noah's Ark. On three different occasions they have joined the fire department on calls. With the flock cameras they have had 21 stolen cars. Some are taking the license plates off. Wednesday they will be having a meeting about the crime lab. All officers are trained and work on their own. Down to seven officers. If anyone has any leads on an officer, please send them Chief Wentz way.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

**Kiona Dick:** Ms. Dick stated that she is working on the Christmas Toy Drive that the Wapato Lions Club will be hosting. It will be Saturday December 17, 2022, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the community center. If anyone has any donations, they can drop them off at the flower shop or at the community center the day of the event.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Chuck Stephens made a motion to adjourn. Council member Elizabeth Villa seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Kathy Davis, Clerk