

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of March 20, 2023

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, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa via Zoom, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Clerk Kathy Davis
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido.

MEETING AGENDA:

Additions & Deletions. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to cancel the award of excellence. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from March 6, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of March 6th Meeting Minutes. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve meeting minutes from March 6th. 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 a motion for the approval of the claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Vicki Baker from YVCOG was present to give an update as to what has been going on at YVCOG.
- b. Albert Miller from YVCOG was present to present the housing needs assessment for Wapato.
- c. Sewer Plant use of ARPA funds.
 1. Pump Station Control Panel – Jeff Schumacker stated that the panel is 35 years old. It is made of stainless steel and has no ventilation. The way the panel sits the sun beats down on it so the inside can reach temperatures of about 170 degrees. The communication is also attached to the panel that alerts employees of any problems. The panel is about six weeks out for delivery. Then one week to get it set up. The city will do all the electrical work. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval for the use of ARPA funds for the control panel. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the use of ARPA funds for the control panel. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark was not present.

Clerk: Kathy Davis stated that one office clerk was out and the other two clerks stepped up and did a great job covering everything. Things were going quite well at City Hall.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker stated that Kathy will be bringing some good news toward December. We are on track. The ARPA funds have helped. Public works is right on track. Kathy will get you budgets at the end of the quarter. Starting to go through some of our vendors to see where we can save a few dollars. Public works since December has secured 1.6 million in grants. Mr. Schumacker hopes to double it by December this year.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that their new hire Kyle Molineux will be going to the academy April 25th. Chief Wentz is still looking for funding for the new police department. Chief Wentz was able to talk to Yakima County and they will be able to hold court via zoom with the inmates. Has contacted Governor Newhouse for find out about some funds that may available.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

No Audience Participation

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. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk