

# CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of May 1, 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, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Public Works Director Jeff Schumacker, Clerk Kathy Davis, Fire Chief Bob Clark
- c. Others that were present: Mid Valley TV Sean Davido, City Attorney Julie Norton via zoom.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the opening of the public hearing at 7:01pm. CDBG Public Hearing handouts and project outline was available in English and Spanish to the public. An interpreter was available for those that needed it. Nancy Wetch from Gray & Osborne was present to inform everyone that CDBG does a grant once a year. This year we are trying to get Well 5 up. This would be a grant with no matching funds. It is a great time to get funding for other areas that need addressed. There were no questions presented.

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

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

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from April 17, 2023 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of April 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made a motion to approve meeting minutes from April 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 Rita Alvarado made a motion for the approval of the claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Frank Jaime seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Ordinance 2023-05 Park Regulations: This is to change the ordinance to allow alcohol to be sold in the park. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval for Ordinance 2023-05. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to table the ordinance until next meeting. Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Update Flood Damage Prevention Municipal Code: Department of Ecology requires the code to be updated for flood damage. Chief Clark asked for a public hearing for the next council meeting to update the code. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the public hearing. Council member Frank Jaime made a motion to approve the public hearing. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief:** Bob Clark stated:

**Animal Control:** The animal control officer picks up approximately 15 – 20 strays a month. There is an increase of puppies and kittens.

**Code Enforcement:** There is an increase in home improvement projects. There is a large project that is Yakima Fruit. There have been numerous interests by contractors in vacant lots and vacant homes that they want to build on.

**Fire Department:** They had 53 calls for service in April. That is an increase of 39%. 18% increase from last year. Two (2) firefighters have finished the EMT class. One has passed the national test. Chief Clark wanted to congratulate Bernabe Castro for becoming the city's newest firefighter/EMT. Edith house is this week they will have about 250 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.

**Clerk:** Kathy Davis stated that she passed out an update as to the ARPA funds. Still working on getting some bills down. Let the council know that she has the information for those that need to run for council positions. Told the council that she was working on little gifts for the girls for Municipal Clerk week.

**Public Works Director:** Jeff Schumacker stated that Well 5 is the most important aspect to the city. It is imperative to add more homes to the city. Public works had two (2) major main water breaks. The change in weather could have caused it. There was also a leak at the cemetery. All the leaks have been fixed. The cemetery is being prepared for Memorial Day. More fertilizer has been added and a second dose of kilns has been applied to kill the little critters that have come in from the orchards. Two employees will be entering into the Water Distribution Management Program. After the state exam they will be able to run the city's water program. Next month two employees will be entering into the Spray Certification program. Upgrading some lighting. The water efficiency report has been an issue. The problem could have been in the program. So hopefully that problem has been resolved.

**Police Chief:** Nolan Wentz was absent.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Kiona Dick – Doesn't want to be downer on the event. The vendor's application has the city logo that makes it look like it is a city function. Can't there be an event without alcohol?

Gina Ramos: Dog license. There was a pit bull that was shot. There was a dog attack. A license can be picked up at City Hall. Animal control makes contacts and he and the police department can hand out citations.

### **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 7:45pm.

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Margaret Estrada, Mayor

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Kathy Davis, Clerk

