

CITY OF WAPATO
Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers
Minutes of January 04, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jesse Farias called the regular Council meeting of Monday January 4, 2016 to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Reyna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Those in attendance included Mayor Farias, Councilmembers Rick Foss, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Tony Guzman, and Roberto Reyna.

ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF: City Attorney (CA) Sara Watkins, Police Chief (PC) Richard Needham, Public Works Director (PWD) Menglou Wang, Fire Chief (FC) Santos Valdez, City Treasurer (CT) Susan Pearson and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer (DCT) Gloria Acosta

CITY STAFF ABSENT: None

HONORS/RECOGNITION: None

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO PROPOSED AGENDA: Mayor Farias changed 10d to become 11a Mid Valley Recycling Variance. CT Pearson added 11g, to nominate a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to approve changes to the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Councilmember Alvarado, seconded by Councilmember Foss, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: **Motion** by Councilmember Alvarado, seconded by Councilmember Guzman, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Corrections to Minutes
- b. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Council meeting-December 21, 2015
 2. Work Session meeting minutes-December 21, 2015
- c. Approval of Claims and Payroll
 1. Claims Vouchers 1/04/16 \$24,700.40 check numbers 156065-156072 plus EFT payments
 2. Claims Vouchers 12/30/15 \$151,541.57 check numbers 156010-156064 plus EFT payments
 3. Payroll Vouchers-12/20/15 \$126,461.28 check numbers 155922-155931 plus direct deposit

WWTP- Upgrade Progress Payment: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

PUBLIC HEARING: Hazard Mitigation: Mayor Farias recessed the regular business meeting at 7:05 p.m. The Public Hearing began at 7:05 p.m. Scott Miller with Office of Emergency Management gave a brief explanation. No other testimony or comments were given. The Public Hearing was recessed at 7:08 p.m. The regular business meeting was reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: TBD City Assumption: Mayor Farias recessed the regular business meeting at 7:09 p.m. The Public Hearing began at 7:09 p.m. Mayor Farias explained. No other testimony or comments were given. The Public Hearing was recessed at 7:09 p.m. The regular business meeting was reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG-Planning Only Grant: Mayor Farias recessed the regular business meeting at 7:11 p.m. The Public Hearing began at 7:11 p.m. Mayor Farias explained. No other testimony or comments were given. The Public Hearing was recessed at 7:12 p.m. The regular business meeting was reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mid Valley Recycling Variance: Mayor Farias recessed the regular business meeting at 7:12 p.m. Kyle Lusk, Gary Lusk and Debbie Lusk, petitioners, introduced themselves. Kyle Lusk explained the operations of the recycling center, changes that have already been made and those which are upcoming, and stated that the group had a lot experience in the recycling business. Kyle Lusk also indicated that they follow state law with regards to tracking and security. Joseph Calhoun with the Yakima Valley Conference of Government gave a brief explanation, Joseph read verbatim the staff report on pages 128-131 of the council packet. FC Valdez stated that the new owner would need to obtain the variance to continue to use the property as a recycling center. No other testimony or comments were given. The Public Hearing was recessed at 7:21 p.m. The regular business meeting was reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 2015-32 Hazard Mitigation: Mayor Farias explained. **Motion** by Councilmember Alvarado, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to approve 10a as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 1309-Assuming TBD: Mayor Farias explained. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Foss, to approve 10b as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-01 CDBG-Planning Only Grant: FC Valdez explained and recommends approval for tonight. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to approve 10c as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

YVCOG Technical Assistance Contract: Mayor Farias explained. **Motion** by Councilmember Alvarado, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to approve 10e as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Liquor License Renewal Roadrunner 705 W. First St: PC Needham had no objections. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Alvarado, to approve 10f as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem: Councilmember Alvarado nominates Councilmember Guzman. There were no other nominations. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to appoint Councilmember Guzman as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Council does not have to act on the following items because this is the first touch, unless they make a motion to do so.

Mid Valley Recycling Variance: CT Pearson asked that council not approve as there needs to be a resolution done. Mayor Farias recessed the regular business meeting at 7:28 p.m. Mayor reconvened the regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. CA Watkins explained variance procedure. **Motion** by Councilmember Alvarado, seconded by Councilmember Guzman, to make a decision on the variance application on January 19, 2016, with the understanding that the business can continue as usual up to that date. Kyle Lusk agreed on the record to the date of January 19, 2016 as the date of decision. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Farias gave the Council a copy of the letter he drafted to present to the Yakama Nation, to schedule a meeting. Mayor Farias also stated that the Yakama Nation has not responded. The City of Toppenish will let City of Wapato know when they can meet soon.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Farias also briefly discussed Capital Construction Committee and asked for Council's direction.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Farias stated that he has been working on the RFQ for the consultant as per Council request.

Police Department:

- PC Needham stated that Officer Lopez underwent surgery and will be out for at least six months.
- PC Needham stated that the police department had a holiday party it went well, most members attended, and that it was at their own expense. Everyone had a great time and it was a good team building event.
- PC Needham stated that there was a robbery at the Flores laundromat, where the suspect brandished a large knife while demanding money from the clerk. The subject fled the scene on foot.
- PC Needham stated that there was also a report that a student selling marijuana brownies to other students. Some students were sickened and taken to the hospital. All of them are ok, and the subject was arrested.

- PC Needham stated that while investigating the Flores robbery case officers came across a clandestine drug laboratory at Horschel Road. The Washington State Patrol and LEAD were called in to assist. Officers were treated by AMR and Wapato Fire.
- PC Needham stated that the Officers responded to 15 call at Noah's Ark most of which were for removal of drunken and trespassed individuals. He will continue to closely monitor the location.

Fire Department:

- FC Valdez stated that he will report soon on 2015.
- FC Valdez stated that it has been a productive year.

Public Works Department:

- WWTP Construction: Contractor is not working in recent weeks due to weather conditions.
- Snow Removal: City has had a lot of snow and continues to spread sand.
- PWD Wang handed a project status report.
- Streets-N Wasco/Sitcum Ave Project: PWD Wang reported that City is scheduled to advertise for bid in January of 2016.
- 9th Street Sidewalk: PWD Wang reported that G&O will start the project with a field survey when weather condition permits.
- North Wapato Lift Station: PWD Wang reported that the City is negotiating a consulting agreement with G&O. The City is also negotiating the grant/loan contract with Ecology.
- Trader Street Improvements: PWD Wang reported that G&O is preparing an easement deed, and also preparing 90% submittals. The project is scheduled to be advertised for bid in February of 2016.
- Water/Sewer Planning (CDBG Planning Only Grant): PWD Wang reported that the City provided documents/information to G&O. G&O needs Water System Plan from BMI.
- TIB APP-Multiple Locations: PWD Wang reported that G&O will start with a field survey when weather conditions permit.
- PWD Wang stated that Public Works has advertised for a Maintenance Worker, with a closing date of January 15, 2016.

Admin/Finance: None

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Planning: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Guzman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.



 Jesse Farias, Mayor


Gloria Acosta, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer