

CITY OF WAPATO
Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers
Minutes of January 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jesse Farias called the regular Council meeting of Monday January 19, 2016 to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Farias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Alvarado was excused.

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: CA Watkins was presented a plaque for her services as the City Attorney for the City of Wapato. Mayor Farias also introduced the new City Attorney Kellen Holgate.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO PROPOSED AGENDA: Mayor Farias added 10b to the agenda YVCOG Representative and alternate appointment.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, 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-January 4, 2016
 2. Work Session meeting minutes-none
- c. Approval of Claims and Payroll
 1. Claims Vouchers 1/19/16 \$219, 229.38 check numbers 156159-156180 plus EFT payments
 2. Claims Vouchers 12/31/15 \$126,763.00 check numbers 156105-156158 plus EFT payments
 3. Payroll Vouchers-1/5/16 \$157,324.91 check numbers 156073-156104 plus direct deposit

WWTP- Upgrade Progress Payment: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 2016-02 Mid Valley Recycling Variance: Mayor Farias explained. FC Valdez added that future expansion is not allowed, and at the end of a working day that the premises are left clean as discussed. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to approve 10a as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

YVCOG Representative and Alternate appointment: Mayor Farias explained. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Guzman, to appoint the Mayor as YVCOG representative and FC Valdez as the alternate. 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.

Resolution 2016-03 YVCOG Change Section 8: Mayor Farias explained. Mayor Farias explained. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Guzman, to make 11a an action item. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Guzman, to approve 11a as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Liquor License Renewal Wapato Convention Center 502 W. 1st St Snack Bar: Mayor Farias explained. PC Needham stated that he has no objections.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Farias stated that he has been keeping up with some legislative bills that will impact the City.
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Police Department:

- PC Needham introduced his new Administrative Assistant Jaqueline Delgado.
- PC Needham handed out the Crime stats for the Wapato Police Department, from 2013-2015.

Fire Department:

- FC Valdez handed out his 2015 yearend Fire Department summary report.
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Public Works Department:

- Streets-N Wasco/Sitcum Ave Project: PWD Wang that the project has been advertised for bid. Bid opening date will be February 9th 2016.
- Trader Street Reconstruction: PWD Wang reported that the project will be ready for advertisement in February.
- 9th Street Sidewalk: PWD Wang reported that G&O is performing a field survey.
- Arterial Preservation Project (Multiple Locations)- PWD Wang reported that G&O survey crew is performing the field survey.

- Meeting with Wapato School District- PWD Wang stated that the school district is very excited about the City's road construction projects. He met their Transportation Director to talk about these projects last Thursday per his request. He would be interested in getting involved as a stakeholder.
- North Wapato Lift Station: PWD Wang reported that YVCOG is working on an environmental review for the lift station project. This may take 3 months. The City is negotiating a grant/loan contract with the Department of Ecology, and a consultant contract with G&O. G&O cannot start a design of the project until the environmental review is complete.
- Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan- PWD Wang reported that YVCOG is preparing the comp plan. City staff has reviewed the comp plan twice. There will be an open house for public comments in City Hall on February 24, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The comp plan is scheduled for public hearing and Council adoption on March 7, 2016.
- Street Lights- PWD Wang reported the City staff drove around the City last week and found 10 street light outages. The City has reported them to Pacific Power to fix them. The City is preparing a grant application for LED upgrade for City-owned street lights. The City owns 55 street lights.

Admin/Finance:

- CT Pearson stated that the State auditor is finalizing the accountability audit and it should be done soon.
- CT Pearson stated that the City Hall interviews will be done on January 22, 2016.
- CT Pearson stated that she has been at the NIMS training in Yakima.
- CT Pearson also handed out a new Council updated list.

Planning: None

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Potential Litigation RCW 42.030.110 (1) (i) (B): Mayor Farias stated that the executive session will last 20 minutes and there will be a decision afterwards. He recessed the regular business meeting at 7:25p.m. The executive session was opened at 7:25 pm. The Executive session closed at 7:45 p.m. The regular business meeting opened at 7:45

Motion by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to empower the Mayor to seek an attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

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 7:47 pm.



 Jesse Farias, Mayor


Gloria Acosta, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer