

CITY OF WAPATO
Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers
Minutes of March 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Farias called the regular Council meeting of Monday, March 21, 2016 to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Clerk-Treasurer Susan Pearson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Application-Elwell: Mayor Farias explained. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to table application to April 4, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to amend the parliamentary procedures to include as part of the executive session before any selection process of any new Councilmembers. Motion carried unanimously.

ABSENT: Councilmember Alvarado was excused.

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

CITY STAFF ABSENT: None

HONORS/RECOGNITION: Steven Diaz with the Lions Club presented a plaque to the City of Wapato for their support and generosity during the 2015 Harvest Festival.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO PROPOSED AGENDA: None

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

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

- a. Corrections to Minutes
- b. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Council meeting-February 16, 2016
 2. Work Session meeting minutes-None
- c. Approval of Claims and Payroll
 1. Claims Vouchers 3/21/16 \$103,765.29 check numbers 153632-153698, plus EFT payments
 2. Payroll Vouchers-3/5/16 \$141,265.34 check numbers 153527-153542- plus direct deposit

WWTP- Upgrade Progress Payment: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **Resolution 2016-08 Gray & Osborn Agreement for N Wapato Lift Station Project:** PWD Wang explained and recommends approval. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to approve 11a as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-09 Gray & Osborn Agreement for N Wasco SIED Project: PWD Wang explained and recommends approval. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to approve 11b as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-10 Equipment Removed from Surplus: CT Pearson explained and recommends approval. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to approve 11c as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Liquor License Renewal International Market: PC Needham had no objections. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Guzman, to approve 11d as presented. 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.

Prosecutor Contract: Mayor Farias stated that the contract has been offered to Tony Swartz.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Farias stated that the City of Wapato has a Facebook page. It will be kept up by the four department directors and himself.
- Mayor Farias stated that he attended a meeting with Yakama Nation Housing Authority it was very productive meeting and discussed the future of the Ahtanum apartments and Camas Housing. They have interest in opening the swimming pool this year, but are not certain.
- Mayor Farias stated that the audit was done and the City did very well overall.
- Mayor Farias stated that the RFQ's have been received. The Mayor is asking Council for a volunteer to read and review. Councilmember Jaime has volunteered.

Police Department:

- PC Needham announced that there was an escape on March 19, 2016. The suspect is in custody.
- PC Needham stated that facility and staffing issues are being worked on.
- PC Needham stated that the MOU with the Yakama Nation on retrocession has been slow and still in process.
- PC Needham stated that Jaqueline Delgado, Administrative Assistant, is in public records training.
- PC Needham also announced that Veronica Anguiano will be in training next week at the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Anguiano has also completed evidence training.
- PC Needham announced that the vehicle that had caught on fire in 2015 has been replaced.
- PC Needham also mentioned that he has applied for a Traffic Safety Grant.

Fire Department: None**Public Works Department:**

- **N. Wasco/Sitcum Ave** – Granite Construction has signed the construction contract. The contract documents have been checked by G&O and the City Attorney. The contract will be effective once the Mayor signs it. The tentative construction start date is April 4, 2016. The City Attorney and Key Bank attorney have made significant progress in the right of way negotiation.
- **9th Street Sidewalk** – There was a stakeholders meeting on March 17 to discuss design alternatives with G&O engineers. All the stakeholders are in favor of Alternative 3, which will eliminate the faculty/staff parking lot on the south side of 9th Street and make it a parent drop-off site. G&O will update the project layout and we meet again on March 29th.
- **Relight Washington Grant** – This is an LED street light upgrading grant sponsored by TIB. A week ago we submitted a grant application to upgrade 55 street lights owned by the City. The LED street lights will be brighter, reduce power cost by 72%, improve traffic safety at night, and reduce maintenance cost. There are 220 street lights in the City and 55 (or 25%) are owned by the City.
- **Fire Hydrant Replacement** – Public Works staff will replace about 10 faulty fire hydrants this year. The first one to be replaced is on S. Wasco Ave at 5th Street and will be done tomorrow. We will work with Chief Valdez. It is very important to make sure all the fire hydrants are in working condition with adequate pressure and flow. The cost of the project will be paid using the Lane VS. Seattle account.
- At the last Council meeting one audience member asked the City to post the Council meeting schedule on the Community Center message board. Staff posted the notice.

Admin/Finance:

- CT Pearson stated that she is glad to be back from vacation.

- CT Pearson also mentioned that City Hall will be getting a new Business Licensing program March 30, 2016. The handheld device that reads the water meters will also be upgraded.
- CT Pearson stated that training will be coming up soon for City Hall for the new software.

Planning: None

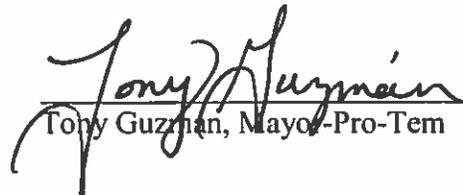
FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Labor Management RCW 42.30.140 (4) Mayor Farias stated that the executive session will last 15 minutes and there will be no decision afterwards. He recessed the regular business meeting at 7:32 p.m. The executive session was opened at 7:34 p.m. The Executive session closed at 7:47 p.m. The regular business meeting opened at 7:49 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Farias announced that he is retiring effective at the end of the Council meeting. He thanked everyone for their support and help in accomplishing so much for the City.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, 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 7:50 p.m.


Tony Guzman, Mayor-Pro-Tem


Gloria Acosta, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer