

CITY OF WAPATO
Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers
Minutes of April 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Guzman called the regular Council meeting of Monday, April 4, 2016 to order at 7:00 pm.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Labor Management RCW 42.30.140 (4) Mayor Pro-Tem Guzman stated that the executive session will last 10 minutes and there will be a decision afterwards. He recessed the regular business meeting at 7:01 p.m. The executive session was opened at 7:02 p.m. The Executive session closed at 7:15 p.m. The regular business meeting opened at 7:16 p.m.

Council Application-Goliath Elwell: **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to recommend to Governor Inslee to approve applicant for Council position #7. Motion carried unanimously.

ABSENT: None

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: American Legion awards. PC Needham presented Officer of the Year to Officer Lawther. FC Valdez presented Firefighter of the Year to Johnny Gomez. Commander Ed Malecki, presented Veteran of the Year to Charlie Gonzales, and Volunteer of the Year to Karen Schoonover, all were presented with plaques.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO PROPOSED AGENDA: None

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

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

- a. Corrections to Minutes
- b. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Council meeting-March 21, 2016
 2. Work Session meeting minutes-None

c. Approval of Claims and Payroll

1. Claims Vouchers 4/4/16 \$130,299.12 check numbers 153700-153702, 153734-153806, plus EFT payments
2. Payroll Vouchers-3/20/16 \$118,745.75 check numbers 153622-153631, 153699-plus direct deposit
3. Court Bond Trust August 2015 #2790 \$10,529.30
4. Court Bond Trust September #12791 \$10,478.35
5. Voided Check #153694 \$1,775.19

WWTP- Upgrade Progress Payment: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **Resolution 2016-11 Prosecuting Attorney Contract Swartz:** CT Pearson explained. Motion by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to approve 12a 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.

Resolution 2016-12 Department of Licensing TBD Contract Amendment: CT Pearson explained and recommends approval.

Resolution 2016-13 RCO Grant for Wapato Park Improvements: PWD Wang explained.

CORRESPONDENCE: PDC reminder to complete form F-1.

DISCUSSION: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor pro-tem stated that he had attended 2 meetings, one was a pre-construction meeting for N. Wasco improvements and the other meeting was with the Yakama Nation Power and they were both very insightful.
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Police Department:

- PC Needham handed out a report.
- PC Needham stated training for a week regarding retrocession, here at the Community center.
- PC Needham stated that Officer Grosz has completed his field training and on his own now. Officer Carter is half way through to complete field training as well. Officer Hernandez is on his 8weeks at the Reserve Academy and doing well.
- PC Needham stated that he is working on hiring another Corrections Officer.

- PC Needham also mentioned that overtime was due to the training as it was 20 hours each Officer.
- PC Needham announced that the Police department is working on picking up those with warrants.
- PC Needham also stated that there are still issues with open containers at Noah's Ark. It is still a lot of work in progress. He had also stated that he met with David Hacker and will meet more frequently.
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- **.Fire Department:**
- FC Valdez stated that he has applied with the Yakama Nation Legends Casino Grant for the EMS volunteers for a conference in New Orleans, and replacement of the compressor.

Public Works Department:

- **N. Wasco/Sitcum Ave** – Pre-construction conference was held today. The contractor (Granite Construction) will start tomorrow. Key Bank has signed the right of way deed and it is in the mail to the City. Contractor will start from the north end of the project and they will not work along the Key Bank property until right of way deed is recorded.
- **9th Street Sidewalk** – There were two stakeholder meetings in March (one on March 17 and the other on March 29) to discuss design alternatives with G&O engineers. The representatives from the City, Wapato School District, and Yakama Nation Housing Authority have all agreed on the alternative to eliminate the faculty/staff parking lot on the south side of 9th Street and make it a parent drop-off site. See attached preliminary layout. G&O has started design based on this alternative. The target date to advertise for bid is the first week of May.
- **Relight Washington Grant** – The City has received a grant for LED street light upgrade for 55 city-owned street lights. The total project cost is \$14,444. The grant from TIB will pay \$6,297, and the Pacific Power will provide an incentive of \$8,147. The LED street lights will be brighter, reduce power cost by 72%, improve traffic safety at night, and reduce maintenance cost.
- **Street Maintenance** - Staff will start pothole repair this week or next week. Then we will schedule street striping, and sidewalk grinding.
- **Project Update** - See attached.
- **Grant Update** - See attached.
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Admin/Finance:

- CT Pearson stated that the business license program has been installed.
- CT Pearson stated that the cemetery program will be coming soon.
- CT Pearson handed out financials to April 4, 2016.

Planning: FC Valdez announced that there are still vacant seats and anyone interested please submit a letter of interest, be a registered voter and live within City limits.

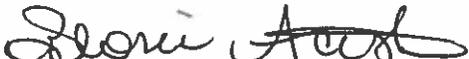
FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 13, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Councilmember Reyna sent out a special thanks to the previous Mayor Jesse Farias for his 13 years of service to our community and City, and wished him the best.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Foss, 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 7:45p.m.


Tony Guzman, Mayor Pro-Tem


Gloria Acosta, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer