

CITY OF WAPATO
Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers
Minutes of May 16, 2016

Oath of Office: Carlos Fernandez was sworn into position #3, by CT Pearson.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Guzmán called the regular Council meeting of Monday, May 16, 2016 to order at 7:00 pm.

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

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Alvarado was excused.

CITY STAFF: City Attorney (CA) Kellen Holgate, 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

HONORS/RECOGNITION: None

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO PROPOSED AGENDA: CT Pearson asked to set a Public Hearing date for the 6 Year Transportation Improvement Plan, be added to the agenda. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to add 11c. Motion carried unanimously

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

- a. Corrections to Minutes
- b. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Council meeting-May 2, 2016
 2. Work Session meeting minutes-May 2, 2016-None
- c. Approval of Claims and Payroll
 1. Claims Vouchers 5/16/2016 \$370,386.91 check numbers 153999-154109 plus EFT payments
 2. Payroll Vouchers -5/16/2016 \$147,289.59 check numbers 154024-154039 plus direct deposit
 3. Void Check 153868 \$3,665.45
 4. Inmate Welfare Trust Vouchers Jul-Dec 2015 \$36,139.38 check 3753-3820 plus direct deposit

WWTP- Upgrade Progress Payment: None- CT Pearson stated that there will be a payment for the 6-6-2016.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Shawn Conrad Senior Planner with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments. Gave information regarding the opportunity for a Rural Community Development Grant through USDA.

Jonathan Smith Yakima County Development Association New Vision Economic Development department. It will be a combined effort with the YVCOG.

Kyle Brown 850 E. Progressive Rd Wapato asked for a donation to improve the softball fields for a memorial softball tournament in honor of their daughter. Proceeds will be donated to the Children's Hospital.

Motion by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to spend up to \$1900.00 for the improvement of the baseball fields. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro Tem election: **Motion** by Councilmember Diaz, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, to nominate Councilmember Alvarado. Motion failed.

Motion by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to appoint Councilmember Jaime. Votes for Councilmember Jaime were Councilmembers Reyna, Foss and Fernandez. Motion carried.

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.

Wapato Judicial Building Proposal-Architects West Inc. PC Needham explained.

Resolution 2016-18 Interfund Loan for Judicial Building Proposal: CT Pearson explained.

Set Public Hearing date for June 6, 2016 for the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan: PWD Wang explained. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to make 11c an action item. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to approve 11c as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Guzmán stated that he is in discussion with the Yakama Nation in regards to the swimming pool. He will keep them informed.

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Police Department:

- PC Needham stated that he is working with the Liquor Control Board regarding the chronic use of alcohol downtown, but has not heard back.
- PC Needham stated that the retrocession is working out well.
- PC Needham stated that he is working with the Yakama Nation in regards to fireworks and some of the rules they implement.
- PC Needham informed Council that the jail institution training was good and very informative.

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Fire Department:

- FC Valdez stated that he did not receive any funding for the air compressor from the Yakama Nation Casino.

Public Works Department:

- **N. Wasco/Sitcum Ave** – The project construction is going very well. The contractor started paving last Thursday. The project is ahead of schedule.
- **9th Street Sidewalk** – The plans and bid documents are being reviewed by WSDOT. It will take 2 weeks. We are hoping to advertise for bid by the end of May.
- **6-Year TIP** – It is time to update the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. The deadline for City Council adoption is June 30. We are trying to schedule a public hearing date (June 6, 2016). Based on the last year's TIP (13 projects), we are going to make 3 changes, (1) removal of N. Wasco Ave project, (2) adding resurfacing S. Wapato Ave (1st St. to 5th St.), and (3) adding resurfacing of Kepper Way (former Dove Lane).
- **Traffic Count** – YVCOG will install traffic counters on the City streets for traffic count next Week. They tried to do it last September, but the equipment was broken.
- **Cemetery Preparation for Memorial Day** – Staff is working very hard to get the Cemetery ready for Memorial Day. Work includes cutting grass, weeding, trimming trees, cleaning headstones, and replacing maps and rules in the bulletin boards.
- **Energy Efficiency Grant** – We will receive a grant of \$313,797 for energy efficiency retrofit for all City buildings (Public Works, City Hall, Library, Police Building, Fire Station, Community Center, Swimming Pool, and WWTP). The grant is from Department of Commerce. We thank Sunset Air for their assistance.

- CT Pearson stated Gloria Acosta and herself met with the City of Zillah to see the new Cemetery program they are utilizing.

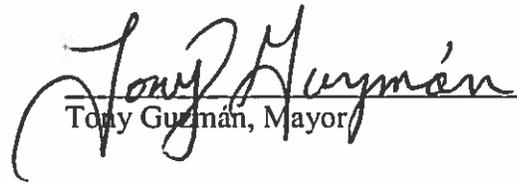
Planning: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Councilmember Diaz announced the Community Days Celebration on May 28-30, 2016. Councilmember Foss also announced the Fireman's annual breakfast is on June 4, 2016 from 7 am to 11 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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 7:40 p.m.


Tony Guzmán, Mayor


Gloria Acosta, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer