

CITY OF WAPATO
Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers
Minutes of August 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Guzmán called the regular Council meeting of Monday, August 15, 2016 to order at 7:01 pm.

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

ROLL CALL: Those in attendance included Mayor Tony Guzmán, Councilmembers Carlos Fernandez, Frank Jaime, Steve Diaz, Roberto Reyna, Keith Workman, Rick Foss, and Rita Alvarado.

ABSENT: None

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

CITY STAFF ABSENT: Police Chief (PC) Richard Needham was absent.

HONORS/RECOGNITION: None

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO PROPOSED AGENDA: CT Pearson asked for #16a Executive Session to be moved to 7b. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to add to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Councilmember Alvarado, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, to add 11c to the agenda. Invitation to Department of Justice to assist in the investigation of the Torres shooting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Alvarado, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Council meeting-August 1, 2016
2. Work Session Meeting-August 1, 2016

c. Approval of Claims and Payroll

1. Claims Vouchers 8/15/2016 \$94,729.64 check numbers 160103-160164, 160185-160325 plus EFT payments
2. Payroll Vouchers -8/5/16 \$154,736.66 check numbers 160165-160184 plus direct deposit
3. Void Check 154107 for \$949.28 dated 5/16/2016

WWTP-Progress Payment: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Potential Litigation RCW 42.030.110(1)(i):** Mayor Guzmán stated that the executive session will last 15 minutes and there will be no decision afterwards. He recessed the regular business meeting at 7:07 p.m. The executive session was opened at 7:08 p.m. The Executive session closed at 7:24 p.m. The regular business meeting opened at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Guzmán stated that the executive session will last another 10 minutes and there will be no decision afterwards. He recessed the regular business meeting at 7:25 p.m. The executive session was opened at 7:26 p.m. The Executive session closed at 7:33 p.m. The regular business meeting opened at 7:34 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mayor Guzman read verbatim letter as attached see DVD.

Salvador Torres 411 Hoffer Rd Wapato we are here to ask for fair justice as we know that the officer that shot and killed my brother officer Michael Campos has a wife that is a judge, and knows a lot of people we just want a fair investigation by the Department of Justice. There was also a child that was almost gunned down by Officer Campos when he was shooting Mario, but the bullet hit the stove instead. Would he have been blamed if the bullet would have hit his partner the other officer, probably not Mario probably would have been blamed just think about that.

Jose Torres stated that he requested for Mike Campos not to be employed by the City of Wapato, nor to be on paid administrative leave. Wants justice, that his family wants justice as a property owner and longtime Wapato resident. We want the officer that shot my brother out of town he has caused a lot of problems with others around town and treated them unjust. We want the Department of Justice to conduct a fair investigation.

Rogelio Torres Jr we are here to ask for there to be justice and uphold strict guidelines of who we hire to protect us citizens. We want this to be treated as a murder case and be treated as such.

Fabiola Torres 609 Higgins Lane Wapato. This was a domestic violence call, the officer went in there and didn't even talk with the victims he went in violently and shot my uncle. Well now we are afraid that every time we call the police department they will shoot and kill. People won't call the cops to protect them as they will probably kill someone. We just want better training and positive change for our community and them to trust not be afraid.

Teresa Martinez, I am here to represent the family the City should be cautious of the police in Wapato as I have requested that the City conduct an investigation on another unfair officer within the City they have not. But I just want to stress that we want justice and to believe that there will be peace and security within our City.

Josefa Martinez I am here to represent the family as well and I too have had an experience when having divorce issues, and Officer Campos was the officer in my case in which I experienced him to be very aggressive and rude Officer Campos treated me very bad and talked to me with disrespect. I thank God that another Officer helped me in the end. Please investigate that officer as he is not good. Thank you

Antonia Martinez Benitez this incident was unfortunate as his mother was present when they shot her son, as well as a nephew and this was wrong. We are in fact afraid to deal with the officers of this City as they might kill us. You need to follow up with that Officers actions as he was unjust, and that is why we are her for a fair investigation.

Gloria Perez I also have a complaint before you as my nephew was unarmed and not resisting he had his hands up and Officer Campos beat my nephew as he was bleeding and they took him to the hospital. There were witnesses that even asked him why the beating? He stated that that was his training. This Officer seems to have issues with us citizens as he needs to be investigated because there seems to be something wrong with him.

Hector Benitez I have been raised in Wapato. We are here to bring awareness for fair justice. Bring someone from higher up and that is just fair.

Mario Torres Jr. all I am asking for is proper justice as my dad had no weapons and was killed. I just want there to be a fair investigation by the Department of Justice.

Elvita Gonzales I just want to say that Officer Campos responded to my home one time and treated me bad. His manner was rude and violent. He was not helpful at all. Fairness and Justice is all we ask for.

Teresa Garcia who are we going to call when we need help? We needed help and they shot and killed my family with my children in the home. We are deeply sad and effected as we cannot sleep at night and this will forever stay within us. This could have been treated differently. But it was a murder we are just asking this Officer be dismissed, and that we receive fair justice, by bringing in the Department of Justice.

Lolo Torres I would just like to state that my brother was shot in front of my mother. Just think about that. This could have been handled differently but no they shot and killed him unjustly.

David Morales I have concerns of what is being said by the press and the police department. There has been information being leaked. This is very troubling and keep a close eye on your police department these thing need to be handled fairly, honestly and with transparency, holding the highest professional standards that exist.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **Liquor License Renewal-Hideout Restaurant & Lounge-401 S. Wapato Ave:** **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Workman, to approve 10a as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Alvarado was excused.

Resolution 2016-31 TIB Trader Street Reconstruction: PWD Wang explained. **Motion** by Councilmember Workman, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to disapprove 10b 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.

CT Pearson explained and recommends approval.

Resolution 2016-32 9th Street Sidewalk Project Engineering Agreement: CT Pearson recommended approval tonight. PWD Wang explained. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to make 11a an action item as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Reyna, to approve 11a as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-33 9th Street Sidewalk Project Baer Testing: CT Pearson recommended approval tonight. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Workman, to make 11b an action item as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Councilmember Jaime, seconded by Councilmember Workman, to approve 11b as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Invitation to Department of Justice: **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to make 11c an action item as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Councilmember Foss, seconded by Councilmember Jaime, to invite the US Department of Justice to review the case regarding the shooting of Mario Torres on July 31, 2016, if deemed appropriate by that department. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Team Yvelis Memorial: Mayor stated that a Certificate was presented to the City in appreciation of the sponsorship.

DISCUSSION: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor stated that National night out was a great success. City hall had an information table.
- Mayor informed Council that AWC is having a presentation regarding medical benefits for the City on Tuesday August 23, 2016.
- Mayor states that he and Councilmember Workman will attend a conference on fiscal budgeting in Leavenworth on August 24, and 25, 2016.

Courts: A report regarding revenues was provided in the packet.

Police Department: None

Fire Department:

- Fire Chief Valdez informed residents to please drink a lot water and stay hydrated as it is hot and we have received a few calls regarding dehydration.

Public Works Department:

- Report: Please see attached Public Works Department Report.

Admin/Finance:

- CT Pearson informed Council that the website is being updated.
- CT Pearson states training will be on August 19th, Friday. City Hall will be closed.
- CT Pearson handed out information on Planning.
- CT Pearson states that she is working with Gloria Acosta on an updated packet process.

Planning:

- Fire Chief Valdez stated that Planning Commission is now full and they will receive letters and there will be a meeting in September.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: 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 8:19 p.m.



Tony Guzmán, Mayor


Gloria Acosta, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer