

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2014

Mayor Belton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Loren Belton and Councilmembers Zachary Dorr, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Councilmember Clara Jiménez.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy, Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead, City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas (EA Riojas).

Councilmember Dorr moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to excuse Councilmember Jiménez from the December 8, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Belton acknowledged that tonight Council received a copy of the November 2014 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the December 1, 2014 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32868 through 32883 and EFTPR429-435 in the total amount of \$186,197.26 dated December 3, 2014.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 80717 through 80831 and NR80615 in the total amount of \$142,157.22 dated December 8, 2014 and Void Checks Number 80715 and 80716.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Regarding 2015 Preliminary Budget. Receive Staff Presentation and Public Comments Regarding the Preliminary Budget.

Mayor Belton opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that Council has discussed the 2015 Preliminary Budget during the past six meetings.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Belton closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Councilmember Thorington expressed his appreciation for the time City staff put forth and their diligent efforts to retain City services for the community. The Council supported the comments made by Councilmember Thorington.

Ordinance 2014-15:

An Ordinance Adopting the 2015 Budget for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2014-15, an Ordinance Adopting the 2015 Budget for the City of Toppenish, Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Select Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Member and Alternate for 2015. (Current Member: Jiménez, Alternate: Ortloff)

Councilmember Taylor nominated Councilmember Thorington as the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Member and Councilmember Ortloff as the Alternate for 2015. Mayor Belton called for nominations three times. No additional nominations were offered. Councilmember Thorington is the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Member and Councilmember Ortloff is the Alternate from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Discussion about Canceling the December 22, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to cancel the December 22, 2014 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the January 5, 2015 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to schedule the City Manager Evaluation during the January 5, 2015 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Dorr expressed his appreciation to the Fire Chief and the Police Officers that assisted the Toppenish Chamber of Commerce with the Toppenish Lighted Parade on November 29, 2014.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy reported that during the December 9, 2014 City Employee Holiday Ornament Exchange Potluck certificates will be presented to employees with 10 years, 15 years, and 20 years of service. The following employees will be recognized: Danilo Hawkins, Dustin Dunn, Curtis Ruggles, and Paul Logan will each receive a 10-year certificate; Judy Devall and Tim Smith will each receive a 15-year certificate; and Ken Rathbun and Sheryl Newman will each receive a 20-year certificate. An example of the framed certificate that was created in-house was passed around for Council to view.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK