

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2014

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

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, reminded Council that the Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for March 1, 2014 from 9 to noon with lunch to be provided at the Toppenish Middle School cafeteria from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Spring Clean-Up is a Senior Project for a Toppenish High School student and will include trash pickup and graffiti paint out. Ms. Sampson handed out flyers regarding the event.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Receive January 2014 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32541 through 32557 and EFTPR286-293 in the total amount of \$262,513.01 dated February 19, 2014.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 79017 through 79096, EFTAP114 and NR78680 in the total amount of \$194,297.20 dated February 24, 2014 and Void Check Number 78680.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Award Bid for the “L” Street Improvements Project, to be Funded with Surface Transportation Program Rural Funds and a 13.5% Match from the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that in the agenda packet Council received a copy of Huiibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. recommendation to award a construction contract to Granite Construction Company, as the lowest bidder. The Toppenish Transportation Benefit District (TBD) match has been included in the 2014 TBD budget. CM Murphy stated that signage will be posted to notify the public that TBD funds assisted with funding the project.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to Award the Low Bid of \$633,229.58 to Granite Construction Company, contingent upon approval of Yakima County as the Certification Agency and Washington State Department of Transportation Highways and Local Programs approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Select Toppenish High School Student to Recommend for AWC Scholarship.

CM Murphy reported that Council received a copy of five applications received from Toppenish High School Students. The City Council will nominate one student for a 2014 Quality Communities Scholarship offered by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Center for Quality Communities. The AWC Center for Quality Communities is an organization sponsored by AWC, to promote civic engagement and provide the public a better understanding of the role cities and towns play in Washington.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to nominate Nancy Sanchez, a Toppenish High School Student as an outstanding young leader to receive a 2014 Quality Communities Scholarship from the AWC Center for Quality Communities. Motion carried unanimously.

“Welcome to Toppenish” signs: Presentation by City Manager.

CM Murphy unveiled five new wooden signs to be installed at the entrances into the City with the specific locations to be determined. The City previously had one “Welcome to Toppenish” sign that was originally installed more than 20 years ago and was in need of relocation and restoration. CM Murphy stated that each sign cost the City approximately \$50 for the materials that included the wood, paint and lacquer. The labor to create the new signs was donated by Toppenish High School students under the direction of their shop teacher.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Dorr announced that on March 8, 2014 the Toppenish Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an auction and dinner at the Toppenish Eagles.

Mayor Belton reported that he attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Executive Board Meeting and that the next YVCOG General Membership meeting on March 19, 2014 will be hosted by Toppenish at the Toppenish Eagles.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy reported that marijuana-licensing moratorium will be discussed during the March 10, 2014 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK