

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2012

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Zachary Dorr, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.
Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Public Works Director Lance Hoyt (PWD Hoyt), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, reported that the community barbeque hosted by the Community Safety Network on July 18, 2012 at Patterson Park had over 200 people in attendance. Ms. Sampson thanked the numerous people for their support in the planning, cooking, serving, and attending the community event. She complimented the condition of the beautiful park and thanked Parks Director Cole and City staff for their efforts to maintain all the City parks.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the July 9, 2012 Regular Meeting.
- b. Receive June 2012 Budget Report and Update memorandum submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 31698 through 31737 in the total amount of \$245,639.24 dated July 15, 2012.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 75456 through 75537 and EFT99120726 in the total amount of \$131,693.22 dated July 23, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Set Agenda for August 6, 2012 Study Session.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that today he received a phone call from a lawyer representing the Yakama Nation to invite him to attend a meeting of the Yakama Nation, the City of Toppenish, the City of Wapato, and the City of Harrah with the Washington State Liquor Control Board about whether or not there should be an alcohol impact area. CM Murphy stated he researched the matter to discover that it appears to be a detailed and burdensome prospect, which takes a fair amount of City personnel, time, effort and resources. He reported that as a professional courtesy he and Chief Diaz plan to attend the meeting that will be on either August 27, 2012 or August 28, 2012. CM Murphy stated that the matter was not ready for a Study Session topic.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to cancel the August 6, 2012 Study Session due to the lack of topics for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Lance Hoyt, Public Works Director to Give an Update on the Jackson Street Extension Project and the L Street Improvement Project.

Public Works Director Hoyt (PWD Hoyt) reported that the Jackson Street Extension Project and the L Street Improvement Project are ready to move forward to obtain the release of Federal funds for design only for the projects. The City has been awarded Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for design only in the amount of \$129,592 for the Jackson Street Extension Project and design only in the amount of \$69,309 for the L Street Improvement Project. He stated that proposed Resolution 2012-10 and Resolution 2012-11 both provide for partnership with Yakima County, a Certified Acceptance Agency qualified to administer federal STP funding projects. PWD Hoyt reported that the partnering element is necessary for the City to receive STP funding for the design of the transportation improvement projects for the Jackson Street Extension from Juniper Street to Ward Road and for the L Street Improvement from East First Avenue to Lincoln Avenue.

Resolution 2012-10:

Resolution Approving Agreement with Yakima County for Administration and Certification of the Jackson Street Extension Project.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2012-10, a Resolution Approving Agreement with Yakima County for Administration and Certification of the Jackson Street Extension Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2012-11:

Resolution Approving Agreement with Yakima County for Administration and Certification of the L Street Improvement Project.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2012-11, a Resolution Approving Agreement with Yakima County for Administration and Certification of the L Street Improvement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jiménez reported that she volunteered as a cook for the community barbeque on July 18, 2012; attended the Community Justice Board meeting on July 16, 2012; and that the Community Justice Board will be meeting on August 14, 2012 and August 16, 2012 in the conference room at the Toppenish School District Building.

Councilmember Ortloff reported on his support with the progress of the Gang Initiative.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK