

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
June 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Belton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Loren Belton and Councilmembers Clara Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, and Randy Taylor.
Absent: Councilmember Zachary Dorr and Blaine Thorington.
Staff Present: Interim City Manager Lance C. Hoyt (ICM Hoyt) and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to excuse Councilmember Thorington from the June 1, 2015 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS UPDATES FOR THE BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM

Interim City Manager Hoyt (ICM Hoyt) reported that in 1975 the City adopted Water Supply Regulations to protect the City's water system from contamination or pollution due to any existing or potential cross connections. According to WAC 246-290-490, it is the responsibility of the City to protect its drinking water by instituting and enforcing a cross connection program. ICM Hoyt distributed materials pertaining to the current Water Supply Regulations detailed in Chapter 13.02 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, along with a draft copy of a new Ordinance to update the cross connection program, regulate the backflow prevention devices, establish enforcement guidelines, and set penalties. After review by City Attorney Cuillier, the Ordinance will be on the June 8, 2015 agenda for further discussion and adoption.

BRIEF STATUS REPORT ON CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT

ICM Hoyt reported that one applicant from Oklahoma has submitted an application packet for the City Manager position that is scheduled to close at 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2015.

Mayor Belton stated that Human Resources Assistant Zabell has recommended that Council make a decision on the City Manager residency requirement. Mayor Belton reported that the job announcement states that residency within the City of Toppenish is required. It was the consensus of Council to continue the matter for discussion during the June 8, 2015 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK