

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 23, 2014**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to excuse Councilmembers Dorr, Jiménez, and Thorington from the June 23, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the June 9, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Receive May 2014 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32682 through 32696 and EFTPR346-353 in the total amount of \$268,814.87 dated June 18, 2014.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 79736 through 79825 and EFTAP118 in the total amount of \$385,777.88 dated June 23, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing Regarding Amending Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.  
Presentation by Lance Hoyt, Public Works Director.**

Mayor Belton opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Public Works Director Hoyt (PWD Hoyt) reported that the proposed amendment to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program includes the Lincoln Avenue/Dayton Avenue/Beech Street Improvements, the Jackson Street Extension, the Washington Avenue Sidewalks, the First Street Sidewalks, the Second Avenue Resurfacing, and the Second Avenue Improvements. PWD Hoyt briefly discussed each proposed project.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Belton closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

**Resolution 2014-13:  
Resolution Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2015 Through 2020.**

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2014-13, a Resolution Amending the Six-Year Transportation Program for the Year 2015 Through 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

As a courtesy, Mayor Belton permitted the following individuals an opportunity to speak since they arrived after the Public Comment period:

Judi Wibberding and her son, Fred Washer, owners of the apartments at 308 South Fir Street, expressed their concerns regarding the increases in utility rates over the past eight years and the excess trash in the area. Ms. Wibberding stated that her tenants are on fixed incomes and that they incur financial hardships when their rent increases because of the high utility rates. Mayor Belton responded that Federal mandates required the City to make upgrades to the sewer treatment plant that exceeded \$13 million and have been one of the causes of the utility rate increases. Mr. Washer discussed his concerns that he uses a second dumpster to dispose of the trash that accumulates around his property because of the businesses and the homeless people in the area. Mayor Belton suggested that Ms. Wibberding talk with Public Works Director Hoyt to discuss her concerns regarding the extra dumpster and the garbage they pick up in the area.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2014-14:  
Resolution Approving General Agreement with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. for the Professional Engineering and Surveying Services for the 2014 Water Main Improvements Project.**

PWD Hoyt reported that the proposed Resolution is for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan for the 2014 Water Main Improvements Project to make water improvements for Lincoln Avenue, Dayton Avenue, and Beech Street.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2014-14, a Resolution Approving General Agreement with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. for the Professional Engineering and Surveying Services for the 2014 Water Main Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Agenda for the July 7, 2014 Study Session.**

Councilmember Ortloff recommended the City Council receive an update regarding the Yakima County Gang Commission applying for a new grant to benefit the Gang Reduction Intervention Program.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to authorize the cancellation of the July 7, 2014 Study Session if City Manager Murphy is unable to schedule presenters to give an update on the Gang Reduction Intervention Program.

City Manager Murphy suggested a discussion regarding adjustments for various fees during the August 4, 2014 Study Session.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council had nothing to report.

**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 7:24 p.m.

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LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK