

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 8, 2015**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to excuse Councilmember Dorr and Councilmember Oaks from the June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the May 26, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the June 1, 2015 Study Session.
- c. Receive April 2015 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33048 through 33065 and EFTPR519-525 in the total amount of \$161,172.99 dated June 3, 2015.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 81783 through 81882 in the total amount of \$156,379.47 dated June 8, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discuss the Residency Requirement for City Manager Recruitment.**

Mayor Belton recited RCW 35.18.040 for the record that details the State statute for City Manager qualifications. Councilmember Jiménez expressed her support and personal opinions of requiring the City Manager to reside within the City limits. Councilmember Thorington reported that he was absent from the June 1, 2015 Study Session; however, he stated that he supported requiring the City Manager to reside within the City limits. Mayor Belton stated that he supported requiring the City Manager to reside within the Toppenish Zip Code of 98948.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to require the City Manager to reside within the City limits. Motion failed. Councilmember Jiménez and Councilmember Thorington voted yes. Mayor Belton, Councilmember Taylor, and Councilmember Ortloff voted no.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Mayor Belton to change the job advertisement for the City Manager to state that residency be required within the Toppenish Zip Code of 98948. Motion failed. Councilmember Taylor and Mayor Belton voted yes. Councilmember Ortloff, Councilmember Thorington, and Councilmember Jiménez voted no.

**Release Retainage to Blue Star Enterprises Northwest, Inc. for the Well 2 and 4 Decommissioning Project in the Amount of \$1,918.79.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to approve Release of Retainage to Blue Star Enterprises Northwest, Inc. for the Well 2 and 4 Decommissioning Project in the amount of \$1,918.79. All Waivers have been received from Employment Security, Labor & Industries, and Department of Revenue. No Liens have been filed within the 60-day period. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2015-05:**

**Ordinance Repealing Chapter 13.02 of the Toppenish Municipal Code and Enacting a New Water Supply Regulations Ordinance to Enact a Cross Connection Program, Regulate Backflow Prevention Devices, Establish Enforcement Guidelines, and Set Penalties.**

ICM Hoyt reported that the proposed Ordinance adopts a new Chapter 13.02 of the Toppenish Municipal Code to enact new water supply regulations to protect the City's water system from contamination or pollution due to any existing or potential cross connections. For the viewing public, ICM Hoyt summarized the purpose of the cross connection program to protect the City's drinking water according to WAC 246-290-490. ICM Hoyt reported that the City has 1,700 residential customers. A survey will be mailed to residential customers to complete and return to assist the Water Department in determining the needs of the homeowners to comply with the requirements.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Ordinance 2015-05, an Ordinance Repealing Chapter 13.02 of the Toppenish Municipal Code and Enacting a New Water Supply Regulations Ordinance to Enact a Cross Connection Program, Regulate Backflow Prevention Devices, Establish Enforcement Guidelines, and Set Penalties. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2015-17:**

**Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 with Gray & Osborne, Inc., for Additional Engineering Service to Develop a General Sewer Plan.**

ICM Hoyt reported that the proposed Resolution approves a contract with Gray & Osborne, Inc. to develop a General Sewer Plan for dealing with population growth and future service areas. The plan will identify deficient sewer lines that are a priority, update the sewer mapping, and address alternatives and cost effective solutions to the deterioration of the City's sewer collection system.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2015-17, a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for Additional Engineering Service to Develop a General Sewer Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Agenda for July 6, 2015 Study Session.**

It was the consensus of Council to receive updates on the City Manager Recruitment and status of negotiations with the collective bargaining units for the topics of discussion during the July 6, 2015 Study Session.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Jiménez expressed her appreciation to the Toppenish Mural Society for the new mural on the garage doors at the Fire Station, and to the organization of the 5K Fun Run/Walk by the Toppenish Police Officers and the volunteering efforts of the Toppenish Police Explorers.

Mayor Belton reported that he, Councilmember Ortloff and Councilmember Oaks participated in the Yakama Nation Treaty Days Parade on June 5, 2015.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

ICM Hoyt had nothing to report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Belton called for an executive session to be held at 7:47 p.m. The Mayor stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss potential sale of property owned by the City and that the executive session would convene for 10 minutes or less. Mayor Belton also stated that it was anticipated no action would be taken when the Regular Session reconvened.

Mayor Belton called the regular session back to order at 7:57 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK