

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2014**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Loren Belton and Councilmembers Clara Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.  
Absent: Councilmember Zachary Dorr.  
Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead (FD Mead), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to excuse Councilmember Dorr from the March 10, 2014 Regular Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, reported to Council on the success of the Spring Clean-Up on March 1, 2014. The Spring Clean-Up was the Senior Project for Emiliano Orozco. Ms. Sampson distributed a report with details of the community cleanup that involved 42 students and 16 adults filling 75 30-gallon size bags of trash and 9 students and 3 adults painting out 1457 square feet of graffiti. Ms. Sampson thanked Mayor Belton, Councilmember Jiménez, Police Sergeant Church, Police Officers Ceja and Perez, and 10 Police Explorers that assisted with the clean up. The Community Safety Network will be hosting its 5th Anniversary Celebration on March 24, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Toppenish School District Administration Building.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to approve Consent Agenda item a through f:

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the March 3, 2014 Study Session.
- c. Approve Pay Estimate #6 to Rotschy, Inc. in the total amount of \$246,272.23 with retainage held in the amount of \$11,601.62 for the Well #9 Housing/Equipping Project.
- d. Approve Pay Estimate #4 to T. Bailey, Inc. in the amount of \$586,788.22 with retainage held in the amount of \$27,642.97 for the 1.7 MG Standpipe Water Reservoir No. 5 Project.
- e. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32558 through 32576 and EFTPR294-300 in the total amount of \$173,277.18 dated March 5, 2014.
- f. Approve Claims Checks Number 79097 through 79189 in the total amount of \$1,048,861.92 and approve General Account Check NR20140303 in the total amount of \$345.28 dated March 10, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Presentation by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead regarding proposed Ordinance 2014-05.**

Finance Director/City Clerk (FD Mead) reported that the proposed Ordinance is to amend the 2014 Operating Budget to reflect various adjustments that include the contractual increases for longevity, the light retrofit program for all City facilities that involves Fund 116 and Fund 170, and for the creation of a new debt service fund to repay the DWSRF loans for the water system project and the water reservoir project that involves the creation of Fund 421.

### **Ordinance 2014-05:**

#### **An Ordinance Amending the 2014 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2013-21 for the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2014-05, an Ordinance Amending the 2014 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2013-21 for the City of Toppenish, Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2014-04:**

#### **Resolution Approving Interlocal Joint Purchasing Agreement with the City of Grandview.**

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that the proposed Resolution will enable the Cities of Toppenish and Grandview to share their respective purchasing contracts with each other.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2014-04, a Resolution Approving Interlocal Joint Purchasing Agreement with the City of Grandview. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Set Agenda for the March 17, 2014 Public Safety Meeting.**

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to cancel the March 17, 2014 Public Safety Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Set Agenda for the April 7, 2014 Study Session.**

CM Murphy requested to address the topic later in the meeting when he gives his report. Mayor Belton stated that he was approached by Brad McDowell, CEO for Washington Beef/AB Foods, Inc. regarding his interest in speaking to the Council during a Study Session.

## **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Jiménez reported that she participated in the March 1, 2014 Spring Clean-Up and commended the work of the Police Explorers during the event.

Councilmember Thorington reported that he attend the Toppenish Chamber Auction on March 8, 2014 and thanked the Police Explorers for their help at the event.

Mayor Belton reported that he attended the Spring Clean-Up and the Toppenish Chamber Auction and thanked the Police Explorers for patrolling the parking lot during the Toppenish Chamber Auction.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Murphy queried the Council on who will be attending the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments General Membership Meeting on March 19, 2014 at the Toppenish Eagles. Mayor Belton, Councilmembers Jiménez, Thornton, and Ortloff stated that they will attend the meeting.

CM Murphy stated that Dave Meyers called him to share that he signed a five-year contract with Sears to locate an outpost store in the former 88¢ Store building. In addition, CM Murphy reported that he and Superintendent Cerna had a meeting at which they agreed to meet from time to time to discuss various issues of interest to both parties.

CM Murphy reported that the deadline for submitting applications for growing, processing, or retailing for medical and recreational marijuana has past and that no applications were received that are in the jurisdiction of the City of Toppenish. The Washington State Liquor Control Board did receive two applications that are outside City limits on Old McCoy Road and on Branch Road. CM Murphy suggested, and Council consented that the April 7, 2014 Study Session be an update regarding medical and recreational marijuana issues.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK