

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 23, 2015**

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, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Pay Estimate #2 and Final Payment to Blue Star Enterprises Northwest in the amount of \$0.00 for the Well 2 and 4 Decommissioning Project.
- c. Approve Pay Estimate #2 to MBI Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$29,780.50 with retainage held in the amount of \$1,402.92 for the 2014 Well and Telemetry Improvements Project.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32974 through 32987 and EFTPR481-488 in the total amount of \$254,056.31 dated March 18, 2015.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 81331 through 81408 and EFTAP127 in the total amount of \$317,885.06 dated March 23, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Release Retainage to T. Bailey, Inc. for the 1.7 MG Standpipe Water Reservoir No. 5 Project in the Amount of \$114,402.73.**

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve Release of Retainage to T. Bailey, Inc. for the 1.7 MG Standpipe Water Reservoir No. 5 Project in the Amount of \$114,402.73. 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.

**Release Contract Bond to Granite Construction Company for the “L” Street Improvements Project in the Amount of \$633,229.58.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to approve Release Contract Bond to Granite Construction Company for the “L” Street Improvements Project in the Amount of \$633,229.58. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2015-01:**

**Ordinance Changing Fund Numbers for the Trails & Path Services Fund, Urban Development Action Grant Fund, Special Projects Fund, Municipal Capital Improvement Fund and Street Capital Fund.**

City Manager (CM Murphy) reported that the proposed Ordinance is to comply with numerical fund changes required by the Auditor.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2015-01, Ordinance Changing Fund Numbers for the Trails & Path Services Fund, Urban Development Action Grant Fund, Special Projects Fund, Municipal Capital Improvement Fund and Street Capital Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2015-07:**

**Resolution Waiving Bidding Requirements for Purchase of a Used Roller.**

CM Murphy reported that the proposed Resolution is to waive the bidding requirements and authorize the purchase of a used roller. The City has an opportunity to purchase a used roller at a substantial savings. This proposed purchase of equipment involves Special Market Conditions and qualifies the waiving of bidding requirements.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2015-07, Resolution Waiving Bidding Requirements for Purchase of a Used Roller. Motion carried unanimously.

**Declare the Well 2 and 4 Decommissioning Project Complete and Start the 60-Day Lien Process.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to Declare the Well 2 and 4 Decommissioning Project Complete and Start the 60-Day Lien Process. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Topic for the April 6, 2015 Study Session Agenda.**

It was the consensus of Council to set the April 6, 2015 Study Session Agenda to include the following topics: 1) presentations from Larry Matson, YVCOG Director regarding proposal to form an Interlocal Agreement among Yakima Valley Cities to support youth recreation activities; 2) presentation from James Cole, Park & Recreation Director regarding status of his efforts to continue City recreation activities; 3) usage of City parks for private yard sales; 4) consider a

community-wide yard sale in City Park; and 5) receive an update from the Committee on its progress to make recommendations for the process to replace the City Manager when he announces his retirement.

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

Councilmember Ortloff reported that he received an email concerning the Gang Commission from Anna Marie Dufault that included a video link that featured the success of the Stratus class offered at the Toppenish Middle School.

Councilmember Jiménez reported that she and Mayor Belton attended the YVCOG General Membership meeting on March 18, 2014. The presentation focused on the 3/10ths sales tax that will be on the November ballot. Mayor Belton shared that the 3/10ths sales tax provides the City with roughly \$240,000 each year, which provides for funds for three police officers.

Mayor Belton reported that he attended the YVCOG Executive Board meeting and the Mayor's meeting.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Murphy reported that he will provide Mayor Belton, Councilmembers Jiménez and Ortloff with materials for them to review and comment prior to distribution to the full Council for the April 6, 2015 Study Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK