

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2014

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

YAKIMA VALLEY VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT

Presentation by John Cooper, CEO and President.

John Cooper, President and CEO of the Yakima Valley Tourism (YVT), formerly known as the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau (VCB), reported on the growth of tourism as it is detailed in the 2013 Annual Report. Mr. Cooper briefly explained the background for changing the organization name after over 50 years, as a way to eliminate the confusion of the function of the organization. Further, Mr. Cooper expressed his appreciation to Council and the community for working together with YVT in the continued promotion of the City of Toppenish.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to approve Consent Agenda item a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Receive February 2014 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32577 through 32591, NR20140321 and EFTPR301-308 in the total amount of \$261,832.06 dated March 18, 2014.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 79190 through 79271 and EFTAP115 in the total amount of \$202,273.90 dated March 24, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Dorr expressed his appreciation to the Police Explorers for their assistance with the Chamber Auction. The Chamber will host a carnival at the rodeo grounds from March 27, 2014 through March 30, 2014.

Councilmember Jiménez reported that she, Mayor Belton and Councilmember Thorington attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) General Membership meeting on March 19, 2014 at the Toppenish Eagles.

Mayor Belton reported that he attended the YVCOG Executive Board meeting, the YVCOG General Membership meeting, and the Yakima Valley Mayor's Association meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy reported that he received a call from Public Works Director Hoyt to notify him that the “L” Street Project started earlier today with the anticipated completion date to be in May 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK