

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 28, 2016**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor C. Jiménez recited a Proclamation honoring the 2016 Top-Hi Wildcats State Championship Wrestling Team. In recognition for the outstanding athletic achievement of the young men the Mayor proclaimed March 28, 2016 through April 1, 2016 as Top-Hi Wildcats Wrestlers Week throughout the Toppenish community, and congratulated the young men and their coaches for their State Championship victory.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Blaine Thorington, and Angelica Walle.  
Absent: Councilmember Gabriel Piñon.  
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier (CA Cuillier), Community Development Director William Rathbone (CDD Rathbone), Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Mayor C. Jiménez announced that Councilmember Piñon lost his partner and mother to his children over the weekend in the tragic event in Yakima. As a result of the situation, Mayor C. Jiménez proposed that Council consider excusing Councilmember Piñon until the first meeting in May and revisit the matter.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to excuse Councilmember Piñon indefinitely until he is ready to return. Motion carried unanimously.

**YAKIMA VALLEY TOURISM 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

Stephanie Gangle, Office & Membership Sales Manager of Yakima Valley Tourism (YVT), also known as Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau presented the 2015 Annual Report for YVT. Ms. Gangle reported on the growth of tourism as it is detailed in the YVT 2015 Annual Report. Further, Ms. Gangle presented Council with a copy of the 2016 Visitors Guide that includes a two-page spread highlighting Toppenish with a map of the murals. Ms. Gangle thanked Council and the community for partnering with YVT to continue promoting the City of Toppenish as a tourist destination.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, recited a letter of support from the Community Safety Network (CSN) for the reinstatement of the Police Explorers program for the youth of the community.

Simon Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, as the CSN President stated that the overall objective of CSN is to involve youth to improve the quality of life in the community. Mr. Sampson expressed his support of the reinstatement of Police Explorers program.

John Cerna, 510 South Juniper Street, stated that he was involved with CSN when the Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program (GRIPP) grant was awarded to benefit the youth in the community. Mr. Cerna expressed his support of the reinstatement of the Police Explorers program.

Mayor C. Jiménez and Councilmember J. Jiménez responded that Council has expressed their support of the Police Explorers program has requested CM Hoyt to look into options to reinstate the program.

Paul Newman, 1280 Blaine Road, Zillah, Chamber Executive Director, expressed his support for the Police Explorers program to continue, congratulated the wrestlers, thanked YVT for the Visitors Guide to promote tourism, expressed his condolences for the Piñon family, and announced that a local business owner is planning a Cinco de Mayo event to benefit the community.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Receive December 2015 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- c. Receive February 2016 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33341 through 33354 and EFTPR661-668 in the total amount of \$249,409.45 dated March 17, 2016.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 83524 through 83605 and EFTAP145 in the total amount of \$115,235.45 dated March 28, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ordinance 2016-03:**

**An Ordinance Prescribing the Type of Notice to be Provided for Hearings Before the City Council That is not Otherwise Specified.**

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Walle to adopt Ordinance 2016-03, an Ordinance Prescribing the Type of Notice to be Provided for Hearings Before the City Council That is not Otherwise Specified. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Ordinance 2016-04:**

**An Ordinance Amending Title 5 of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Add New Chapter 5.65 Regulating Parades, Athletic Events and Other Special Events Within the City of Toppenish.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2016-04, an Ordinance Amending Title 5 of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Add New Chapter 5.65

Regulating Parades, Athletic Events and Other Special Events Within the City of Toppenish. Motion carried unanimously.

**Award Bid for 2014 Water Main Improvements - Phase 2 to TTC Construction, Inc. of Yakima, Washington for the low bid of \$368,856.22, Contingent on Funding Agency Approval.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to Award Bid for 2014 Water Main Improvements – Phase 2 to TTC Construction, Inc. of Yakima, Washington for the low bid of \$368,856.22, Contingent on Funding Agency Approval. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Oaks reported that he attended the Chamber Auction and assisted Paul Newman with the Live Auction.

Councilmember Walle inquired if notice to the residents on Elmwood Road could be sent out in both English and Spanish.

Councilmember Thorington reported that he attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) General Membership meeting on March 16, 2016 in Union Gap.

Mayor C. Jiménez reported that she also attended YVCOG General Membership meeting that consisted of a presentation with a virtual experience from Visual Engineering Resource Group.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Chief Diaz has been meeting with other agencies to create a Memorandum of Understanding with regard to retrocession.
- Recited a letter from JoDe Goudy to invite Council to an event on April 22, 2016.

Councilmember Ortloff suggested Council consider revisiting the franchise agreement for Yakama Power as a way to inform the new Councilmembers and new CM on the issue. CM Hoyt responded that he would contact Ray Wiseman with Yakama Power.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK