

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 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, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Councilmembers Zachary Dorr and Derald Ortloff.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy, City Attorney Gary M. Cuillier, Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead, Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas (EA Riojas).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the October 27, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the November 3, 2014 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32835 through 32852 and EFTPR414-420 in the total amount of \$179,873.80 dated November 5, 2014.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 80575 through 80650 and NR80473 in the total amount of \$97,751.56 dated November 10, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2014-10:

Ordinance Adjusting Water Rates by Amending Section 13.16.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code.

Ordinance 2014-11:

Ordinance Adjusting Sewer Rates by Amending Sections 13.44.025, 13.44.030, 13.44.040 and 13.44.045 of the Toppenish Municipal Code.

Ordinance 2014-12:

Ordinance Adjusting Solid Waste Rates by Amending Section 8.10.170 of the Toppenish Municipal Code.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that the proposed Ordinances 2014-10, 2014-11 and 2014-12 are to reduce 2015 utility rate increases for water, sewer and garbage. CM Murphy stated that the water rate is reduced from a 6% increase to a 2% increase, the sewer rate is reduced from a

6% increase to a 0% increase, and the garbage rate is reduced from a 4% increase to a 0% increase. In addition, CM Murphy reported the garbage over fill fee is increased from \$5 to \$7. It was stated by CM Murphy for the benefit of the public that the water, sewer and garbage funds are Enterprise Funds that are separate from the General Fund.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Ordinance 2014-10, an Ordinance Adjusting Water Rates by Amending Section 13.16.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, adopt Ordinance 2014-11, an Ordinance Adjusting Sewer Rates by Amending Sections 13.44.025, 13.44.030, 13.44.040 and 13.44.045 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, and adopt Ordinance 2014-12, an Ordinance Adjusting Solid Waste Rates by Amending Section 8.10.170 of the Toppenish Municipal Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2014-22:

A Resolution Designating Official Newspaper.

CM Murphy reported that the proposed Resolution is to designate the *Review-Independent* as the official newspaper for the City for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2014-22, a Resolution Designating Official Newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

Decide and Take Action to Allocate the 2015 Tourism Development Funds after Reviewing and Discussing Recommendations from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Riojas (EA Riojas) reported that Council has received the recommendation from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for the allocation of the 2015 Tourism Funds. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) members recommend funding a total amount of \$59,907. EA Riojas stated that LTAC recommends Priority 1 funding for the Yakima Valley Rail and Steam Museum Association, the Toppenish Chamber of Commerce, and the three City of Toppenish proposals for the administration and operation of the tourism program, the flower basket program, and the replacement of street light pole banners. In addition, EA Riojas stated that the LTAC recommendation consists of \$2,500 to the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show and \$7,500 to Yakima Valley Tourism (YVT) with stipulations that YVT uses the award for the 2015 Yakima Valley Official Visitors Guide advertisements and a portion of the leisure destination marketing services that excludes the YouTube video advertisement and the rotating mobile website advertisements. It was stated by EA Riojas for the benefit of the public that the tourism funds are Special Revenue Funds that are separate from the General Fund. Council was informed by Finance Director Mead that the 2015 Preliminary Budget included the LTAC recommendation as presented to Council.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee members recommendation for allocation of the 2015 Tourism Development Funds of \$59,907.00 with \$2,500 to the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show, \$6,000 to the Yakima Valley Rail and Steam Museum Association, \$25,000 to the Toppenish Chamber of Commerce, \$7,500 to Yakima Valley Tourism for the 2015 Yakima Valley Official Visitors Guide advertisements and a portion of the leisure destination marketing services that excludes the YouTube video advertisement and the rotating mobile website advertisements, \$11,407 to the City of Toppenish for administration and operation of the tourism program, \$3,000 to the City of Toppenish for the flower basket program, and \$4,500 to the City of Toppenish for replacement street light pole banners. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the December 1, 2014 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to discuss the 2015 Budget during the December 1, 2014 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Belton reported that he attended the 94th Annual Ranch Party on November 6, 2014. It was stated by the Mayor that the Toppenish Ranch Party is the longest running annual event in the Yakima Valley.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK