

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 22, 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, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, reported on the success of the community barbeque hosted by the Community Safety Network (CSN) on July 28, 2014. The Annual CSN Board Meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2014 at the Toppenish School Administration Office. Ms. Sampson stated that CSN is sponsoring a community clean up and graffiti paint out on October 18, 2014.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approve Pay Estimate #10 to T. Bailey, Inc. in the amount of \$34,842.67 with retainage held in the amount of \$1,641.40 for the 1.7 MG Standpipe
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32784 through 32799 and EFTPR391-398 in the total amount of \$260,537.49 dated September 17, 2014.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 80285 through 80377 and EFTAP121 in the total amount of \$448,547.31 dated September 22, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Award Bid for Well No. 2 and Well No. 4 Decommissioning.**

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that in the agenda packet Council received a copy of Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. recommendation to award a construction contract to Blue Star Enterprises, Inc., as the lowest bidder for the Well No. 2 and No. 4 Decommissioning Project.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to Award the Low Bid of \$42,787.75 to Blue Star Enterprises, Inc. for the Well No. 2 and Well No. 4 Decommissioning Project, contingent on funding agency approval. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2014-19:**

**Resolution Approving Change Order No. 2 to Contract With Granite Construction Company for the “L” Street Improvements Project.**

CM Murphy reported that the proposed Resolution is to approve a Change Order for the construction of the Toppenish Avenue intersection with L Street to provide a better transition to the intersection by rebuilding the approach.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2014-19, a Resolution Approving Change Order No. 2 to Contract with Granite Construction Company for the “L” Street Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.

**Report from City Manager about Preparations for 2015 Budget Proposals.**

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that all the Department Directors have submitted reasonable proposals; however, the City still does not have a balanced 2015 Budget. The enhancement requests that CM Murphy received total more than \$1.25 million of which most will not be approved. CM Murphy stated that the City is confronting increased expenditures that the City has no control over that are quite substantial that include medical, dental, and vision insurances, liability insurance, employer contributions to retirement plans, the built in increases required by Collective Bargaining Agreements, and proposed rate increases by utility providers. All Department Directors have been directed to freeze expenditures. CM Murphy reported that the 2015 Budget Calendar has been amended. During the October 6, 2014 Study Session, CM Murphy and Finance Director/City Clerk Mead will be making presentations regarding the 2015 Budget and request Council to schedule Public Hearings. CM Murphy suggested that during the Public Hearings it would be an appropriate time to have Department Directors present to discuss their individual budgets.

**Set Agenda for the October 6, 2014 Study Session.**

It was the consensus of Council to receive presentations regarding the 2015 Budget from CM Murphy and Finance Director/City Clerk Mead and schedule the Public Hearings for the 2015 Budget during the October 6, 2014 Study Session.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Belton reported that he attended the Executive Board Meetings for the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG), the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management, and the Mayors Meeting.

Councilmember Jiménez reported that she and Mayor Belton attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments meeting on September 17, 2014 in Grandview.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Murphy had nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK