

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2015

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the September 14, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33160 through 33173 and EFTPR571-578 in the total amount of \$249,805.82 dated September 22, 2015.
- c. Approve Claims Checks Number 82417 through 82475, EFTAP135, and NR82281 in the total amount of \$556,389.97 dated September 28, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

“Complete Streets” Program: Presentation by Shawn Conrad, Senior Planner with Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG).

Shawn Conrad, YVCOG Senior Planner presented Council with materials regarding the concept of Complete Streets which is a program to design streets for the safety and accessibility for cars, trucks, bikes, walkers, elderly, children, disabled, and transit users. The benefits of Complete Streets are to stimulate downtown revitalization, address the needs and improve the quality of life for the people of the community. Planner Conrad explained the design elements for Complete Streets by changing four travel lanes with minimal sidewalk buffer and no bike lane to have displayed bike lanes that double as sidewalk buffers, narrower travel lanes to reduce speeds, and a two-way left turn lane to improve traffic flow. The adoption of the proposed Complete Streets Ordinance can provide the City with a more competitiveness when applying for Federal or other funding sources.

Ordinance 2015-14:

An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington Adopting Chapter 10.26 TMC to Establish a “Complete Streets” Program for the Purpose of Providing Safe Access and Accommodations to all Users Including Bicyclists, Pedestrians, Motorists and Public Transportation Users.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2015-14, an Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington Adopting Chapter 10.26 TMC to

Establish a “Complete Streets” Program for the Purpose of Providing Safe Access and Accommodations to all Users Including Bicyclists, Pedestrians, Motorists and Public Transportation Users. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Ortloff reported that he attended the YVCOG General Membership meeting on September 16, 2015.

Councilmember Jiménez reported that she also attended YVCOG General Membership meeting on September 16, 2015 that included presentations from Madelyn Carlson with People for People and from Yakima County Commissioner Kevin Bouchey to gain support for the continuation of 3/10ths sales tax and encouraged the Cities to adopt a Resolution for Support of the 3/10ths.

Mayor Belton reported that he attended the YVCOG Executive Board Meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Deputy City Clerk Riojas queried Council on the method they preferred to receive the 2016 Preliminary Budget. It was the consensus of Council to receive the 2016 Preliminary Budget in both paper and electronic, and to receive the Final 2016 Annual Budget electronically.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK