

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 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: Interim City Manager Lance C. Hoyt (ICM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

OATH OF OFFICE

Deputy City Clerk Riojas administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Interim City Manager Lance C. Hoyt (ICM Hoyt).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Silva, Lateral A, Wapato, expressed his concern with the homeless people, the pan handling and the drunk vagrants in the local communities. Mr. Silva stated that he is a Board of Director of Generating Hope, the non-profit corporation that organizes the Noah's Ark Homeless Shelter in Wapato to assist in handling the issues with homeless people in the local communities.

Janet Harris, 1303 Karr Avenue, Yakima, as President of Generating Hope, stated that her organization wants to collaborate with other communities to help with the homeless in the local communities. Mayor Belton responded that the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) is working to establish a homeless network with the members to organize efforts to help with the homeless in Yakima County.

Diana Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, reported that Community Safety Network is organizing a Spring Clean Up and Graffiti Paint Out on April 25, 2015. Ms. Sampson invited Council to the event that will include an estimated 100 volunteers from AB Foods and 100 students from the Toppenish Schools District, Yakama Tribal School, and Heritage University. Ms. Sampson stated that the transportation, refuse containers, and cleanup project details were still being finalized for the event.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the April 6, 2015 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32988 through 33003 and EFTPR489-495 in the total amount of \$171,787.08 dated April 6, 2015.

- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 81409 through 81527 in the total amount of \$413,469.94 dated April 13, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2015-02:

Ordinance Amending Section 3.41.010 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for the Purpose of Clarifying Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. as a Provider of Garbage Collection Services Subject to the Tax.

ICM Hoyt reported that the proposed Ordinance is to authorize Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. to provide garbage collections services in the City subject to the utility tax. The WUTC requires that the City make the proposed change to authorize Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. to collect the utility tax from its customers for garbage collection services.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Ordinance 2015-02, Ordinance Amending Section 3.41.010 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for the Purpose of Clarifying Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. as a Provider of Garbage Collection Services Subject to the Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2015-03:

Ordinance to Amending Sections 5.50.023 and 5.50.025 of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Enable Residents to Participate in a City-Wide Yard Sale Each Year the Third Saturday of April.

Mayor Belton reported that the proposed Ordinance is to enable residents to participate in a City-Wide Yard Sale each year on the third Saturday of April. The Toppenish Rotary is proposing the event as a fundraiser for the Toppenish Food Bank. Mayor Belton stated that the Toppenish Rotary will set up an area in the Toppenish Middle School parking lot. The Toppenish Rotary will charge a fee for people to set up in the parking lot area with all fees donated to the Toppenish Food Bank. In addition, the residents that have yard sales on the third Saturday of April are encouraged to donate a portion of their proceeds to the Toppenish Food Bank. A permit will not be required for residents or count against their quantity of yards sales allowed each year when participating in the City-Wide Yard Sale the third Saturday of April of each year.

Councilmember Dorr moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Ordinance 2015-03, Ordinance to Amending Sections 5.50.023 and 5.50.025 of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Enable Residents to Participate in a City-Wide Yard Sale Each Year the Third Saturday of April. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2015-08:

Reimbursement Obligation Resolution.

ICM Hoyt reported that the proposed Resolution authorizes the City to proceed with the purchase of two new fully equipped police vehicles by utilizing the State Treasurer's consolidated program for financing the purchase.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2015-08, Reimbursement Obligation Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive Recommendation from Committee Members for Interim City Manager Compensation.

Mayor Belton reported that the previously scheduled Executive Session was cancelled at the recommendation of City Attorney Cuillier. It was the consensus of Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate compensation terms with ICM Hoyt and then report back to Council.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to authorize Mayor Belton to negotiate compensation terms with Interim City Manager Hoyt and then report back to Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Award Bid for 2014 Water Main Improvements - Phase 1 and Lincoln Avenue Improvements.

ICM Hoyt reported that in the agenda packet Council received a copy of Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. recommendation to award a construction contract to Apollo, Inc. as the lowest bidder for the 2014 Water Main Improvements – Phase 1 and Lincoln Avenue Improvements Project.

Councilmember Dorr moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to Award the Low Bid of \$867,827.25 to Apollo, Inc. Inc. for the 2014 Water Main Improvements – Phase 1 and Lincoln Avenue Improvements Project, contingent on funding agency approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for May 4, 2015 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to receive an update on the status of the City Manager Recruitment during the May 4, 2015 Study Session.

The search committee members decided to meet with ICM Hoyt on April 17, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Dorr reported that the Mural Society is proposing to paint the garage doors at the Fire Station for the Mural In A Day event on June 6, 2015.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

ICM Hoyt reported that the City of Toppenish received the AWC 2015 WellCity Award and earned the 2% discount on medical premiums. The Council expressed appreciation for the work of the Wellness Committee members who are James Cole, Judy Devall, Pat Perrault, Heidi Riojas, Curt Ruggles, and Debbie Zabell.

ICM Hoyt reported that the City participated in a tire amnesty program over the weekend and collected 474 tires. ICM Hoyt thanked Public Works employees Barry Gatlin and Gary Kroll for their help with the successful program, in addition to Lions Club members Joe Omlin, Steve Miller, Blaine Thorington, Dick Jones, and himself.

ICM Hoyt queried Council on who will be attending the AWC 2015 Annual Conference on June 23, 2015 through June 26, 2015 in Wenatchee. Councilmembers Jiménez and Dorr requested to be registered for the event.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to authorize Councilmember Jiménez and Councilmember Dorr to attend the AWC 2015 Annual Conference in Wenatchee. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK