

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2013

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Zachary Dorr, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Public Works Director Lance Hoyt (PWD Hoyt), Parks and Recreation Director James Cole (PRD Cole), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the April 8, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Receive March 2013 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- c. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 32181 through 32198 and EFTPR135-142 in the total amount of \$266,926.29 dated April 22, 2013.
- d. Approve Claims Check Numbers 77136 through 77219 and EFTAP103 in the total amount of \$385,769.53 dated April 22, 2013 and void Check Number 77161.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Comprehensive Park Plan Update.

Presentation by Lesley Schulte, Yakima County Health Department and James Cole, Parks and Recreation Director.

Parks and Recreation Director Cole (PRD Cole) reported that the City is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Park Plan. PRD Cole stated that the City will be eligible to apply for grant funding to make improvements to park facilities once the Comprehensive Park Plan is approved by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. The City is partnering with Yakima Valley Conference of Governments and the Yakima County Health Department to complete the update.

Lesley Schulte with the Yakima County Health Department presented Council with a slideshow that highlighted the built environment concept of structuring a community to make it easier for people to select healthier lifestyle choices. Ms. Schulte explained that Amy Downing, MD, a Pediatric Medical Resident hosted by the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic focused her residency project on methods that the community can establish elements of the built environment theory to address the five key areas that include housing, transportation, food parks and green

spaces and squalor. Dr. Downing and students recruited from Toppenish High School, Eagle Alternative High School, and Heritage University documented their findings regarding the built environment theory with pictures. In addition, the Toppenish High School students performed audits of the parks in the community.

PRD Cole reported that he has received over 200 completed park surveys with valuable input from the community concerning the parks and facilities. The first of two community forums will be held at the Toppenish Middle School on May 29, 2013 to provide residents another opportunity to give community input regarding the Comprehensive Park Plan.

Ordinance 2013-08:

Ordinance Amending the Criminal Code by Adding a New Section 9A.42.110 to the Toppenish Municipal Code, Making it a Misdemeanor to Leave a Child in the Care of a Sex Offender.

CM Murphy reported that the proposed Ordinance will make it a crime if the parent of a child or a person entrusted with the physical custody of a child leaves the child with a sex offender. The Ordinance will give the City authority to prosecute the crime of leaving a child in the care of a sex offender as a misdemeanor.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Ordinance 2013-08, an Ordinance Amending the Criminal Code by Adding a New Section 9A.42.110 to the Toppenish Municipal Code, Making it a Misdemeanor to Leave a Child in the Care of a Sex Offender. Motion carried unanimously.

Award Bid for the Purchase of a High Compaction Automated Refuse Collection Truck Body and Collection Arm.

Public Works Director Hoyt (PWD Hoyt) reported that Council received a copy of the Western Systems bid and the bid specifications for the purchase of a high compaction automated refuse collection truck and arm. PWD Hoyt stated that it is recommended that the City award the apparent low bid of \$139,840.56 to Western Systems.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to Award Bid for the Purchase of a High Compaction Automated Refuse Collection Truck Body and Collection Arm to Western Systems for \$139,840.56. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation to Declare the Week of May 5 through May 11, 2013 as Municipal Clerks Week.

Mayor Jiménez recited the proposed proclamation to declare the week of May 5 through May 11, 2013 as Municipal Clerks Week.

Resolution 2013-10:

Resolution Approving Utility Easement with Northwest Open Access Network.

CM Murphy reported that the proposed Resolution is to provide a utility easement across the library property for Northwest Open Access Network.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Resolution 2013-10, a Resolution Approving Utility Easement with Northwest Open Access Network. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Belton reported that the Office of Emergency Management will be conducting a tabletop exercise involving an active shooter on May 2, 2013 with the assistance of the Zillah School District.

Mayor Jiménez reported that on April 13, 2013 she attend the McDonald's Re-Grand Opening and attended the golf fundraising tournament sponsored by the Community Safety Network at Mt. Adams Country Club.

Mayor Jiménez announced that the City of Toppenish received the AWC WellCity Award for Excellence that qualifies for a 2% discount on health insurance premiums.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy reported that the City will provide escort for the All-Toppenish Class Reunion Parade at 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK