

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 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.  
City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), City Attorney Gary Cuillier,  
Staff Present: Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead (FD Mead), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START RECOMPETITION GRANT  
PRESENTATION BY STEVE MYERS, ESD 105 SUPERINTENDENT AND JOHN  
CERNA, TOPPENISH SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

ESD 105 Superintendent Myers and Toppenish School District Superintendent Cerna presented Council with a Power Point presentation that highlighted the importance of providing quality early learning skills for brain development in children from birth to five years of age. Mr. Myers reported that ESD 105 has a successful partnership with EPIC to continue providing school readiness programs for children to have them ready to enter the K-12 school system.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to provide ESD 105 a letter of support for its grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the July 22, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the August 5, 2013 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 32311 through 32331 and EFTPR189-195 in the total amount of \$188,208.81 dated August 6, 2013.
- d. Approve Claims Check Numbers 77754 through 77868 and NR75115 in the total amount of \$291,573.48 dated August 12, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation by Linda B. Mead, CMC, Finance Director/City Clerk Regarding Proposed Budget Amendment.**

FD Mead reported that the proposed Ordinance to amend the 2013 Operating Budget is to reflect the additional revenues received by the City for various grants and projects.

**Ordinance 2013-10:**

**An Ordinance Amending the 2013 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2012-12 for the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Ordinance 2013-10, an Ordinance Amending the 2013 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2012-12 for the City of Toppenish, Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

**Declare the Well # 9 Drilling Project Complete and Begin the 60-Day Lien Process.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to Declare the Well #9 Drilling Project Complete and Begin the 60-Day Lien Process. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Agenda for the Tuesday, September 3, 2013 Study Session to be a Review of the Comprehensive Park Plan.**

It was the consensus of Council to set the Agenda for the Tuesday, September 3, 2013 Study Session to be a Review of the Comprehensive Park Plan.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jiménez reported that she attended the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic Health Fair on August 10, 2013 and commented on the enthusiasm of the young participants in the watermelon-eating contest.

Councilmember Thorington requested an update on the status of the pool after the windstorm on August 9, 2013. CM Murphy reported that the pool was closed to the public on August 10, 2013 for clean up in order to be open for scheduled pool parties.

Mayor Jiménez announced that the Toppenish Western Art Show will be August 16 through 18 at Railroad Park. On August 18, Dad's Restaurant will sponsor a Community Play Day from noon to 5:00 p.m. in Pioneer Park free to the public.

Councilmember Thorington expressed his appreciation for the flower baskets. Mayor Jiménez expressed her appreciation for the work of City staff to improve the condition of the parks.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Murphy reported that on September 7, 2013 the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic will be celebrating its 35th Anniversary in Pioneer Park.

CM Murphy announced that the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District will meet immediately following the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK