

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2016

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Derald Ortloff, Gabriel Piñon, Blaine Thorington and Angelica Walle.

Absent: Councilmember Mark Oaks.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, Community Development Director William Rathbone (CDD Rathbone), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to excuse Councilmember Oaks from the August 22, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, expressed his concerns on several issues that include the costs for the water main extension for Fort Road, the residency requirements for City Councilmembers, and the liability for using City vehicles for non-City business matters.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the August 8, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Acknowledge receipt of 2015 Washington State Auditor's Annual Audits.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33487 through 33502 and EFTPR736-743 in the total amount of \$256,062.20 dated August 19, 2016.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 84420 through 84503 and EFTAP154 in the total amount of \$303,283.65 dated August 22, 2016 and voided Check Number 84419.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement with Yakima County for the Fort Road Water Main Extension.

City Manager Hoyt (CM Hoyt) summarized the history for the Yakima County project on Fort Road that will include the City's water main extension project. CM Hoyt reported that during the May 23, 2016 meeting Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the projects described in the franchise application with Yakima County for future improvements to the City water/sewer system within the Toppenish Urban Growth Boundaries that are presently and

potentially located in Yakima County Roads and Rights of Ways. Yakima County has contracted with Granite Construction Company to complete the reconstruction of Fort Road. CM Hoyt reported that the City is partnering with Yakima County for Granite Construction Company to complete the water main extension project.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to authorize City Manager to sign Memorandum of Understanding with Yakima County for the Fort Road Water Main Extension. Motion carried unanimously.

Award Bid for Fort Road Water Main Extension to Granite Construction Company for \$137,685.41.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to award bid for Fort Road Water Main Extension to Granite Construction Company for \$137,685.41. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive Update on Washington Avenue Sidewalk Project.

CM Hoyt updated Council on the progress of the Washington Avenue Sidewalk Project that is a TIB funded project. DW Construction is scheduled to start September 6, 2016. CM Hoyt stated three underground tanks in the City right of way will be removed at a minimum cost of \$18,000, which could go up if the soil test comes back contaminated.

Set Public Hearing for September 12, 2016 to Extend Marijuana Moratorium.

Community Development Director William Rathbone updated Council that a public hearing to extend the marijuana moratorium will be set for September 12, 2016.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded Councilmember Ortloff to set September 12, 2016 as the date for a public hearing for to extend marijuana moratorium and interim zoning regarding facilities and uses of medical and recreational marijuana. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Piñon announced that the Toppenish School District starts school tomorrow, August 23, 2016.

Councilmember J. Jiménez reported he attended the Auditor's Exit Audit and thanked staff for their great work.

Councilmember Walle reported that she attended the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic Health Fair on August 13, 2016.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Hoyt reported on the following items:

- The Driving Rural Yakima Valley Economy transportation conference will be August 25, 2016 in Yakima.
- The September 6, 2016 Study Session will include the City Manager evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.


CLARA R. JIMENEZ, MAYOR


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK