

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 10, 2012**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Mark Oaks.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead (FD Mead), Public Works Director Lance Hoyt, Police Chief Adam Diaz, City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to excuse Councilmember Mark Oaks from the December 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

**15-Year Service Pins – Sandra Shah, Dale Northrup, Jr., and Blaine Thorington.**

Mayor Jiménez announced that Police Officer Sandra Shah, Fire Captain Dale Northrup, Jr., and City Councilmember Blaine Thorington each earned a 15-year service pin for their dedicated service to the City.

**WELCOME NEW CITY EMPLOYEES**

**Introduction of Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk Elizabeth Alba by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead.**

Finance Director/City Clerk Mead (FD Mead) introduced Elizabeth Alba as the new Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk. FD Mead reported that the more than 12 years of municipal experience and the MBA degree in finance that Ms. Alba brings with her are great additions for her department and the City.

**Introduction of Police Officer Joseph Hurst by Police Chief Adam Diaz.**

Police Chief Diaz (PC Diaz) introduced Joseph Hurst as a new Police Officer in his department. PC Diaz stated that Officer Hurst will be going to the police academy in January 2013.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 26, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the December 3, 2012 Study Session.
- c. Approve Pay Estimate #1 to Mike's Roofing for the City Hall/Safe Haven Re-Roof Projects in the amount of \$33,731.65 with retainage held in the amount of \$1,639.05.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 31948 through 31974 in the total amount of \$216,005.54 dated November 30, 2012.
- e. Approve Payroll Checks Number 31975 through 31997 in the total amount of \$23,574.00 dated November 30, 2012 for the 2012 Volunteer Firefighters.
- f. Approve Claims Checks Number 76268 through 76412 in the total amount of \$218,545.61 dated December 10, 2012 and void Check Number 76289.

Motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Ordinance 2012-13:**

**An Ordinance Amending the 2012 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2011-20 and Ordinance 2012-4 for the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Ordinance 2012-13, an Ordinance Amending the 2012 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2011-20 and Ordinance 2012-4 for the City of Toppenish, Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2012-24:**

**A Resolution Supporting the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2012-24, a Resolution Supporting the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2012-25:**

**A Resolution Approving Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement between the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Toppenish in the Amount of \$159,750 for the Grind and Overlay Project for a Portion of Washington Avenue.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to adopt Resolution 2012-25, a Resolution Approving Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement between the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Toppenish in the Amount of \$159,750 for the Grind and Overlay Project for a Portion of Washington Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2012-26:**

**A Resolution Designating Official Newspaper.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Resolution 2012-26, a Resolution Designating Official Newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2012-27:**

**A Resolution Authorizing Interest-Bearing Loan from the General Fund to the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District and Providing for the Repayment Thereof.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Resolution 2012-27, a Resolution Authorizing Interest-Bearing Loan from the General Fund to the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District and Providing for the Repayment Thereof. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2012-28:**

**A Resolution Approving the Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement between Yakima County and the City of Toppenish for North Meyers Road.**

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2012-28, a Resolution Approving the Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement between Yakima County and the City of Toppenish for North Meyers Road. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2012-29:**

**A Resolution Approving Agreement with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to adopt Resolution 2012-29, a Resolution Approving Agreement with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services. Motion carried unanimously.

**Select Yakima Valley Conference of Governments member and alternate for 2013.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to appoint Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmember Derald Ortloff as the 2013 Yakima Valley Conference of Governments member and alternate, respectively. Motion carried unanimously.

**Decide on agenda for the December 17, 2012 Public Safety Committee meeting.**

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to cancel the December 17, 2012 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Agenda for the January 7, 2013 Study Session.**

It was the consensus of Council to set the City Manager evaluation as the agenda topic for the January 7, 2013 Study Session.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Jiménez mentioned several topics: 1) the 2012 WellCity Award entitles the City to a 2% discount on medical premiums for the entire 2013 calendar year; 2) commended the weekly graffiti painting by individuals representing the faith community organized by Pastor Frank East; 3) the AWC Center for Quality Communities is accepting scholarship nominations for qualified Senior High School Students; and 4) the receipt of an anonymous donation for the youth in the

community and thanked the person for the generous donation, which went to the Toppenish Food Bank.

Councilmember Dorr expressed his appreciation to Duane Simmons and others that work to maintain Pioneer Park.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

City Manager Murphy had nothing to report.

### **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