

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 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: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead (FD Mead), Community Development Director William Rathbone (CDD Rathbone), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Receive October 2015 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33236 through 33251 and EFTPR609-615 in the total amount of \$181,326.56 dated December 7, 2015.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 82802 through 82980, and EFTAP139 in the total amount of \$279,522.11 dated December 14, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Release Retainage to Huylar Construction for the Police Conference Room in the Total Amount of \$667.70.**

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to approve Release of Retainage to Huylar Construction for the Police Conference Room in the total amount of \$667.70. CM Hoyt noted that all required waivers had been received from Employment Security, Labor & Industries, and the Department of Revenue and further noted no Liens were filed within the 60-day period. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2015-17: An Ordinance Amending the 2015 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2014-15, Ordinance 2015-10, and Ordinance 2015-11 for the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2015-17, an Ordinance Amending the 2015 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2014-15, Ordinance 2015-10, and Ordinance 2015-11 for the City of Toppenish, Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation by the Community Development Director Regarding the Hearing Examiner's Decision Regarding the Catholic Charities Housing Development.**

CDD Rathbone reported that the City received an application from Catholic Charities Housing Services to reclassify the zoning of five parcels within the failed development known as the

Eudora Addition from Planned Development to R2 Residential. The Hearing Examiner conducted an open record public hearing on November 4, 2015 on the proposed application and recommends approval of the application as indicated on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as presented to Council. CDD Rathbone stated that staff recommends Council accept the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and adopt proposed Ordinance 2015-18 to rezone the property and amend the official zoning map.

**Ordinance 2015-18: Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Toppenish by Changing the Use District Classification (Zoning) from Planned Development Zone (PD) to R2 Residential District of That Portion Eudora Addition Bounded by Dayton Avenue Extended to the South and Ellensburg Avenue to the North Together With Block 1, Lots 10, 11, 12, and 13 of Eudora Addition.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to adopt Ordinance 2015-18, an Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Toppenish by Changing the Use District Classification (Zoning) from Planned Development Zone (PD) to R2 Residential District of That Portion Eudora Addition Bounded by Dayton Avenue Extended to the South and Ellensburg Avenue to the North Together With Block 1, Lots 10, 11, 12, and 13 of Eudora Addition. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2015-34: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Adopting a Financial Policy for the City of Toppenish.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2015-34, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Adopting a Financial Policy for the City of Toppenish. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion about Canceling the December 28, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to cancel the December 28, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Agenda for the January 4, 2016 Study Session.**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the January 4, 2016 Study Session Agenda, noting the Agenda includes the swearing in of the new Councilmembers, the selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore for 2016 and 2017, the seating of Council, and making appointments to Council Committees. CM Hoyt notes that an update on the status of the Yakama Nation Retrocession regarding public safety issues would also be included.

CM Hoyt presented framed Distinguished Service Awards to outgoing Mayor Loren Belton, Councilmember Zachary Dorr and Councilmember Randy Taylor and thanked them for their service to the community.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Ortloff reported that he attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) General membership meeting on December 9, 2015.

Councilmember Thorington reported that he also attended the YVCOG meeting on December 9, 2015.

Councilmember Dorr thanked Council for accepting him as a Councilmember for the last four years.

Councilmember Jiménez reported that she attended the YVCOG meeting on December 9, 2015, and that she has been volunteering for the Toy Train Christmas at the railroad depot.

Mayor Belton reported that he attended meetings for the YVCOG General Membership, the YVCOG Executive Board, the Office of Emergency Management, the Yakima Valley Tourism Executive Board, and the dedication for the Veteran's Memorial in the City of Sunnyside. In closing, Mayor Belton stated that it has been his privilege and honor to serve the community and work with Council and staff during his time as a City Councilmember.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Hoyt reported that staff has received complaints concerning the crows that have returned to the community for the winter months. CM Hoyt discussed the results of his research to address the crow issues and that public works staff with attempt to clean up the sidewalks of the bird feces.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK