

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2016

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Gabriel Piñon, and Blaine Thorington.
Absent: Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez and Angelica Walle.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier (CA Cuillier), Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 8, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33312 through 33325 and EFTPR646-653 in the total amount of \$247,970.07 dated February 18, 2016.
- c. Approve Claims Checks Number 83354 through 83417 and EFTAP144 in the total amount of \$231,463.87 dated February 22, 2016 and Void Check Number 83353.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016-01:

Ordinance Changing Office Hours for City Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, to be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mayor C. Jiménez announced that the discussion regarding changing City Hall office hours will be tabled until the March 7, 2016 Study Session.

Release Retainage to Apollo, Inc. for the 2014 Water Main Improvements – Phase 1, Lincoln Avenue Improvements in the Total Amount of \$38,591.37.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to approve Release of Retainage to Apollo, Inc. for the 2014 Water Main Improvements – Phase 1, Lincoln Avenue Improvements in the Total Amount of \$38,591.37. 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

Resolution 2016-06:

Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding to Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Toppenish, Washington and the Teamsters Local No. 760.

CM Hoyt updated Council that proposed Resolution 2016-06 is to approve a memorandum of understanding for the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the City and the Teamsters Local No. 760 for a 1% cost of living increase effective March 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The CBA affects 27 employees within the Public Works, the Police Department for Jail Support and Dispatch, and the Finance Departments. Later this year, the City will commence new contract negotiations for 2017 and 2018.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2016-06, a Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding to Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Toppenish, Washington and the Teamsters Local No. 760. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor C. Jiménez congratulated the Toppenish High School Wrestlers, their coaches, and cheerleaders for winning the State Championship. In addition, Mayor C. Jiménez thanked the people that voted for her to be selected to serve on the Yakima County Disability Board.

Councilmember Piñon invited the public to attend an event on February 23, 2016 that will be held at Hope for the Nations Foursquare Church to honor a Toppenish High School student selected to receive full-tuition to attend Heritage University by earning an Act Six Leadership Scholarship.

Councilmember Oaks congratulated the Toppenish High School Wrestling Team for their recent State Championship.

Councilmember Ortloff reported that he will be absent from the March 7, 2016 Study Session.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Hoyt requested a public hearing on March 14, 2016 to receive public comments on marijuana moratorium and interim zoning regarding facilities and uses of medical and recreational marijuana.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded Councilmember Oaks to set March 14, 2016 as the date for a public hearing for a marijuana moratorium and interim zoning regarding facilities and uses of medical and recreational marijuana. Motion carried unanimously.

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- 18th Annual Bob Jones “Friends of Scouting” Breakfast that will be held February 23, 2016 at the Toppenish Eagles starting at 7:00 a.m.
- Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC) and the City of Toppenish have partnered in a Pedestrian Crossing Safety Project in the 400 block of West First Avenue.

YVFWC is purchasing the equipment for the project, and Public Works staff will install and maintain the LED Pedestrian Actuated Flashing Crossing signs.

- Yakama Nation 2% Community Grant Program is accepting applications for the 2% Community Contribution Fund for the period from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The deadline to submit an application is March 31, 2016. The Yakama Nation 2% Community Grant Program has funded many local law enforcement agencies and emergency response services such as ambulances, hospitals, fire departments all of which have been impacted by the continuous operation of the Yakama Nation Legends Casino.
- Meyers Bridge and Cascade Natural Gas (CNG) main line with the bridge closure by Yakima County until December 2017. The Yakima County Office of Emergency Management held a meeting at the Zillah Police Department on February 22, 2016 to discuss the impact of a potential failure of the CNG main line that serves Wapato, Toppenish, and Granger. CM Hoyt summarized the process of replacing the bridge and repairing the gas line.
- Yakima County Homeless Coalition. CM Hoyt had a meeting with Tim Sullivan, Homeless Programs Manager, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments, and James Cole to discuss applying for a Recreation and Conservation Office Grant to complete projects at Pioneer Park by resurfacing the basketball courts, covering the playground equipment, and rehab the bathrooms.
- National Rural Water Association, Washington DC Rally attended by CM Hoyt as the Evergreen Rural Water of Washington representative. During the rally, attendees visited thirteen of the fourteen elected offices to discuss the importance of retaining the current budgets to maintain funding that supports affordable training for water systems nationwide.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK