

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 8, 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, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Gabriel Piñon, Blaine Thorington, and Angelica Walle.

Staff Present: City Attorney Gary Cuillier (CA Cuillier), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas (EA Riojas).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community Safety Network (CSN) Representative Diana Sampson, provided an update on the 2016 CSN events that include the Annual CSN Golf Tournament that provides scholarships for local high school students, the March Spring Clean-up event, and hosting a Town Hall Meeting in March as well as participating in National Prevention Week to educate and increase public awareness on reducing underage drinking, mental health issues and suicide prevention in May. Ms. Sampson encouraged all to participate in these important community events. Ms. Sampson further noted that CSN will be submitting for a Drug Free Community Grant.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 25, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the February 1, 2016 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33296 through 33311 and EFTPR639-645 in the total amount of \$167,276.71 dated February 3, 2016.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 83227 through 83352 in the total amount of \$114,246.86 dated February 8, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW 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.

EA Riojas presented the proposed Ordinance to change the City Hall office hours to Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After discussion, it was decided to Table the Item until additional information on the customer impact is provided.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to table Ordinance 2016-01, an 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-05:

A Resolution Approving an Interagency Contract with the Washington State Department of Corrections.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2016-05, a Resolution Approving an Interagency Contract with the Washington State Department of Corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the March 7, 2016 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to set the topics for the March 7, 2016 Study Session agenda to include an update on retrocession, the Council retreat, and the City Hall office hours.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Walle reported her attendance at the Latino Educational Achievement Project (LEAP) Conference in Olympia.

Councilmember J. Jiménez reported his attendance at the LEAP Conference noting the organization's important contribution to educating students on civic engagement within their communities.

Councilmember Piñon announced that Heritage University would be offering a financial aid class on February 9, 2016.

Councilmember Ortloff expressed his concerns regarding House Bill 1438 relating to marijuana.

Mayor C. Jiménez expressed her interest in serving as a representative on the Yakima County Disability Board.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Walle to nominate Mayor C. Jiménez to serve as a representative on the Yakima County Disability Board. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK