

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 25, 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 Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Frank Nunez, 102 South Date Street, Toppenish, expressed his dissatisfaction with the process for basketball registration. Mayor C. Jiménez thanked Mr. Nunez for coming to the meeting and that the City strives to provide outstanding customer service.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Pay Estimate #3 and Final Payment to Columbia Asphalt & Gravel, Inc. in the amount of \$0.00 with a Retainage Bond Held by the City, for the West First Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33282 through 33295 and EFTPR631-638 in the total amount of \$248,948.54 dated January 22, 2016.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 83144 through 83226 and EFTAP143 in the total amount of \$156,079.29 dated January 25, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Declare the West First Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project Complete and Start the 60-Day Lien Process.**

Councilmember J. Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to Declare the West First Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project Complete and Start the 60-Day Lien Process. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appoint Lance Hoyt as the Member and Art Kroes as the Alternate to Serve as the City's Voting Member of the Yakima County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to appoint Lance Hoyt as the member and Art Kroes as the alternate to serve as the City's voting member of the Yakima County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**Official Ballot to Vote for the Appointment to the Vacant Position as the Representative of the Small Cities and Towns on the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency Board of Directors.**

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to vote for Derald Ortloff to be appointed as the Representative of the Small Cities and Towns on the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

## **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Walle reported her attendance at the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Peace March on January 18, 2016.

Councilmember J. Jiménez reported his attendance at the MLK Peace March and noted the event has grown from 50 participants to over 1,200 participants in six years.

Councilmember Piñon expressed his support of the Community Safety Network for their role in the success of the MLK event and noted that a presentation on Human Trafficking is scheduled for February 16, 2016 at the Safe Haven Building. He encouraged the community to attend.

Councilmember Ortloff reported his attendance at the MLK event.

Councilmember Thorington reported his attendance at the MLK and at the Yakima Valley Conference of Government General (YVCOG) Membership Meeting on January 20, 2016. He also thanked the staff from the Toppenish Eagles for providing the food and service at the meeting.

Mayor C. Jiménez thanked the City employees from the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments, as well as the Police Explorers for their help with the MLK event. She also acknowledged the great attendance by Council at the YVCOG meeting.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority: Mayor C. Jiménez will sign the official ballot to vote for the appointment of Derald Ortloff to the Board of Directors as a representative for the small cities and towns to serve the remainder of a four-year term that expires April 2017.
- YVCOG Meeting Update: Representatives Lloyd Flem and Loren Herrigstand with All Aboard Washington (AAW) provided a presentation on the promotion and restoration of a passenger train line through the Yakima Valley from Seattle to Pasco. They also noted that the AAW would be holding their Spring Conference on May 14, 2016 at the Railroad Depot in Toppenish.
- City Council Training: Council will receive Open Government Training at their February 1, 2016 Study Session.
- Council Retreat: Council's first retreat for 2016 will be on March 5 or March 12, 2016 at the Benton Rural Electric Association building. Randy Beehler from the City of Yakima will facilitate the retreat.
- Customer Service Safety Training: City Hall was closed on January 12, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in order for staff from Public Works and City Hall to receive customer service safety training. Chief Diaz provided the training in the Police Department conference room.
- Personnel Recruitment: Staff has completed the recruitment process of two police dispatchers. One of the vacant positions is a replacement and the other is the new position Council approved in the 2016 Budget. He further noted staff is currently recruiting for two police jail support positions, one of the positions is a replacement and the other position Council approved in the 2016 Budget.
- Fire Department Training: The City's Fire Department received invaluable training thanks to the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic. With the demolition scheduled for a building, the Clinic permitted the Department to train in the building. The training gave 30 firefighters and volunteers the opportunity performs room escape procedures and other valuable training.
- Recreation Basketball Program: The City's 2016 Youth Basketball Program is a huge success with 402 boys and girls ages 3 to 12 registering to participate. The Program

typically has 250 participants. He further noted the program is at maximum capacity and 30 late participants were unfortunately turned away due to the lack of gym space.

- Department of Ecology: The State's Fiscal Year 2017 Draft Water Quality Funding Offer List was released, noting the Penny Lift Station and Sewer Line Repair Program Projects made the draft offer list. He noted staff made application in August 2015 for \$1.2 million in funding for the two Projects.
- City Hall Office Hours: Beginning March 1, 2016 City Hall will be open to the public 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The ability for customers to pay their utility bill on-line replaces the need for the early and late work hours.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK