

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 28, 2013**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Zachary Dorr.

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

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to excuse Councilmember Zachary Dorr from the January 28, 2013 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 14, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32051 through 32075 in the total amount of \$229,528.08 dated January 22, 2013.
- c. Approve Claims Check Numbers 76615 through 76688 in the total amount of \$116,631.36 dated January 28, 2013 and Void Check Numbers 76571 (NR76571), Number 76616 and Number 76617.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing Regarding Community Development Block Grant Application. Presentation by Jeffrey Louman, Professional Engineer with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. and Lance Hoyt, Public Works Director.**

Mayor Jiménez opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Jeffrey Louman, Professional Engineer with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. reported that the public hearing process is a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The City is conducting this public hearing to allow the public an opportunity

to comment on the proposed improvements to Dayton Avenue and North Beech Street. Mr. Louman stated that the improvements consist of widening the roads and replacement of existing potable water services and water main in those roads. The estimated cost for the project is \$1.2 million. Mr. Louman reported that the City will apply for funding from the CDBG program and the Surface Transportation Program.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Jiménez closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ordinance 2013-01:**

#### **Ordinance Amending TMC Section 15.10.65 by Increasing from 30 to 50 the Number of Days a Temporary Sign May be Erected Prior to the Event Which it Advertizes.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2013-01, an Ordinance Amending TMC Section 15.10.65 by Increasing from 30 to 50 the Number of Days a Temporary Sign May be Erected Prior to the Event Which it Advertizes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Set February 11, 2013 as the Date for a Public Hearing Regarding Amendment to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.**

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to set February 11, 2013 as the Date for a Public Hearing Regarding Amendment to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to appoint Brett Stauffer to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Thorington reported that he participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace March (MLK) on January 21, 2013.

Councilmember Belton reported that he attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) General Membership meeting and was reelected to the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau Board.

Councilmember Ortloff reported that he attended the YVCOG meeting, participated in the MLK Peace March, and attended the Gang Commission meeting.

Mayor Jiménez expressed her appreciation to the Toppenish Eagles for providing the meal and facility for the YVCOG meeting and her appreciation to the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department employees that assisted with the MLK Peace March.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) stated that the department directors requested that he express their appreciation to Council for extending their annual vacation accruals an additional 20 hours. CM Murphy reported on the progress of Senator Honeyford creating legislation for the legislative fix to address the concerns of the City paying assessments to the Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority. Senator Honeyford will present the proposed legislation during the upcoming legislative session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK