

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2014

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Loren Belton and Councilmembers Zachary Dorr, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.
Absent: Councilmember Clara Jiménez.
Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to excuse Councilmember Jiménez from the July 28, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Dorr moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the July 14, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Receive June 2014 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead.
- c. Approve Pay Estimate #4 to Granite Construction Company in the amount of \$22,498.45 with no retainage held in lieu of Bond for Federally funded "L" Street Improvements Project.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32716 through 32732 and EFTPR361-368 in the total amount of \$287,427.53 dated July 22, 2014.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 79947 through 80036 and EFTAP119 in the total amount of \$316,711.32 dated July 28, 2014 and void Check Number 79912.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion to Change the Topic for the August 4, 2014 Study Session.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) suggested that Council conduct the discussion after the conclusion of the Executive Sessions.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Ortloff presented the New Vision plaque that he and Councilmember Thorington received when they attended the New Vision Board Meeting on July 24, 2014 in

Granger. The presentation discussed the concept of renewable energy development by utilizing the methane gas generated from dairy cow waste.

Mayor Belton reported that he attended a Office of Emergency Management Executive Board Meeting, a Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Executive Board Meeting, and a EMS/Trauma meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mayor Belton called for two executive sessions to be held at 7:12 p.m. The Mayor stated that the purpose of the first executive session was to discuss potential litigation with legal counsel. The purpose of the second executive session was to discuss with legal counsel legal risks of a current practice pursuant to an existing agreement, the two executive sessions will be held concurrently and will convene for 45 minutes or less. Mayor Belton stated that it is unclear if action would be taken when the Regular Session reconvened.

Mayor Belton called the regular session back to order at 7:57 p.m., and announced that there would be no action taken regarding the Executive Session topic. (No audience was present before or after the executive sessions.)

CM Murphy reported that the agenda for the August 4, 2014 Study Session will consist of an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel representing the City legal risks of a current practice pursuant to an existing agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK