

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2015

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), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to excuse Councilmember Jiménez from the March 9, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

YAKIMA VALLEY VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT

Presentation by John Cooper, CEO and President.

John Cooper, President and CEO of the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau (VCB), doing business as Yakima Valley Tourism (YVT) reported on the growth of tourism as it is detailed in the 2014 Annual Report. Mr. Cooper briefly reported that the 2014 annual report indicates that Yakima County hotel/motel occupancy grew 7.4%, which is the highest growth in the State for the year. Further, Mr. Cooper presented Council with a copy of the 2015 Visitors Guides that included a three-page spread highlighting Toppenish with a map of the murals. Mr. Cooper expressed his appreciation to Council and the community for its partnership with YVT to continue promoting the City of Toppenish as a tourist destination.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the March 2, 2015 Study Session.
- c. Approve Pay Estimate #1 to MBI Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$55,094.78 with retainage held in the amount of \$2,595.46 for the 2014 Well and Telemetry Improvements Project.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32958 through 32973 and EFTPR474-480 in the total amount of \$171,579.53 dated March 4, 2015.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 81258 through 81330 in the total amount of \$154,752.42 dated March 9, 2015 and void Checks Number 80929 and 81257.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Agenda for the April 6, 2015 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to receive an update from the Committee on its progress to make recommendations for the process to replace the City Manager when he announces his retirement and to receive a presentation from Parks and Recreation Director Cole regarding the consideration to permit yard sales in City parks as the topics for the April 6, 2015 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Belton announced that tickets will be available at the door for the Toppenish Chamber of Commerce Silent Auction and Dinner on March 14, 2015 at the Toppenish Eagles.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy queried Council on who will attend the YVCOG General Membership Meeting on March 18, 2015 at the Union Gap-Youth Barn. Mayor Belton and Councilmember Ortloff stated that they will attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK