

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2014

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmembers Zachary Dorr and Mark Oaks.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**PRESENTATION BY CHARLES ERWIN, SENIOR PROGRAM ANALYST WITH THE
YAKIMA VALLEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, ON THE 2014
YAKIMA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Charles Erwin, Senior Program Analyst with the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management, presented the updated 2014 Yakima County Comprehensive Emergency Management Program (CEMP) that outlines strategic emergency planning guidelines to follow during an emergency or disaster situation. Mr. Erwin reported that Yakima County is required to update the CEMP every four years. The 2014 Yakima County CEMP has been approved by the State. Mr. Erwin recommended that Council adopt the updated CEMP as the official emergency response plan for the City of Toppenish.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve Consent Agenda items a through h:

- a. Approve Minutes of the April 28, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the May 5, 2014 Study Session.
- c. Receive March 2014 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead.
- d. Approve Pay Estimate #8 to Rotschy, Inc. in the total amount of \$66,996.85 with retainage held in the amount of \$3,156.15 for the Well #9 Housing/Equipping Project.
- e. Approve Pay Estimate #6 to T. Bailey, Inc. in the amount of \$239,852.25 with retainage held in the amount of \$11,299.19 for the 1.7 MG Standpipe Water Reservoir No. 5 Project.
- f. Approve Pay Estimate #2 to Granite Construction Company in the amount of \$239,094.14 with no retainage held in lieu of Bond for Federally funded "L" Street Improvements Project.

- g. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32629 through 32647 and EFTPR324-330 in the total amount of \$174,601.24 dated May 7, 2014.
- h. Approve Claims Checks Number 79470 through 79568 in the total amount of \$674,380.42 dated May 12, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2014-06:

Ordinance Establishing Reserved Parking Spaces for Chamber of Commerce Volunteers.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that the proposed Ordinance reserves parking spaces for Chamber of Commerce Volunteers every Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce will be responsible for the expense and installation of the appropriate signage.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Ordinance 2014-06, an Ordinance Establishing Reserved Parking Spaces for Chamber of Commerce Volunteers. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-09:

Resolution Adopting the 2014 Yakima County Comprehensive Emergency Management Program as the Official Emergency Response Plan for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2014-09, a Resolution Adopting the 2014 Yakima County Comprehensive Emergency Management Program as the Official Emergency Response Plan for the City of Toppenish, Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2014-10:

Resolution Regarding Application by the City of Toppenish, Washington to the State of Washington Public Works Trust Fund for a Public Works Board 2016 Construction Loan.

Nancy Morter, Engineer with Gray & Osborne, Inc., reported that the proposed Resolution will authorize the City to apply for a Public Works Board 2016 Construction Loan. The loan application will be in the amount of \$1 million for replacement of Penny Street Lift Station and approximately 4,000-5,000 feet of sewer pipe. Ms. Morter stated that the proposed Resolution acknowledges that the City has sufficient revenue to meet the debt service for the loan.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Resolution 2014-10, a Resolution Regarding Application by the City of Toppenish, Washington to the State of Washington Public Works Trust Fund for a Public Works Board 2016 Construction Loan. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2014-07:

Ordinance Amending Section 3.41.010 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for the Purpose of Clarifying What Providers of Garbage Collection Services are Subject to the Tax.

CM Murphy reported that the proposed Ordinance is prepared at the suggestion of the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission to broaden the definition of the providers that are required to collect the utility tax for garbage collection services within the City.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Ordinance 2014-07, an Ordinance Amending Section 3.41.010 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for the Purpose of Clarifying What Providers of Garbage Collection Services are Subject to the Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the June 2, 2014 Study Session

It was the consensus of Council to post pone the matter for discussion during the May 27, 2014 meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy reported that the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) General Membership Meeting on May 21, 2014 will be at the Sunnyside V.F.W. It was announced that this will be the last meeting that Page Scott will attend as she has resigned from YVCOG.

CM Murphy stated that after review of the AWC Annual Conference agenda he does not think that he should attend do to the fact that the agenda does not have enough new information to warrant the expenses to send him to attend the conference. Councilmember Jimenez confirmed that she will attend the conference. CM Murphy responded that Councilmember Dorr expressed an interest in attending the conference. Councilmember Belton responded that he will review the conference agenda before he confirms his attendance. CM Murphy reported that the deadline for the early bird registration is May 23, 2014.

CM Murphy reported that in response to the questions that Council asked during the Study Session regarding the formation of a Park District. The estimated revenue to be generated based on the assessed value of property within the City limits is \$17,710 and the assessed value of property within the City limits and the boundaries of the Toppenish School District is \$34,968.

CM Murphy announced he has a letter from the Iglesia Del Dios Vvivo Inc. requesting street closures on three different weekends. The letter has been circulated to the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for comment. CM Murphy stated that he has received several recommendations to deny the requests. The Pastor has been repeatedly encouraged by CM Murphy to work with the surrounding neighbors as a way to stop the noise and parking complaints that the City has received in previous years. CM Murphy reported that he will send a letter denying the requests because of past noise and parking complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK