

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2013**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Derald Ortloff.

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 Oaks to excuse Councilmember Ortloff from the May 13, 2013 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the April 22, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the May 6, 2013 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 32199 through 32218, EFTPR143, and EFTPR144-150 in the total amount of \$183,568.59 dated May 6, 2013.
- d. Approve Claims Check Numbers 77220 through 77350 and NR75037 in the total amount of \$250,398.02 dated May 13, 2013 and void Check Number 77193.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Brief Update by City Manager on Upcoming Impacts of the Affordable Care Act on City Personnel.**

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) presented Council with a detailed memorandum outlining key areas of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that take effect January 1, 2014. CM Murphy recited his memorandum to inform the public regarding the items the ACA prohibits, which are pre-existing condition exclusions, annual dollar limits on benefits, and denial of coverage. In 2014 the minimum essential health benefits will include ambulatory patient services, emergency services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use services, prescription drugs, rehabilitation services, laboratory services, prevention and wellness services, and pediatric services. CM Murphy explained that the City will be required to offer coverage for full-time employees, who are defined as employees that average at least 30 hours/week. The City will be implementing changes for the payment of Volunteer Firefighters and City Councilmembers by reporting their compensation on a 1099 Form rather than a W-2. CM

Murphy reported that he will keep Council informed on the progress of the ACA requirements and will be educating City employees on the upcoming changes.

**Set Agenda for June 3, 2013 Study Session.**

It was the consensus of Council to table the Study Session Agenda item until the May 28, 2013 Regular Meeting.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Belton reported that he attended the Office of Emergency Management table top exercise on May 2, 2013 and commended the active participation by Police Chief Diaz, Fire Chief Smith, and Police Sergeant Church during the exercise.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Murphy reported that Finance Director/City Clerk Mead and other department directors are working to schedule an Employee Volunteer Day to help in cleaning up the community.

CM Murphy announced that the Toppenish Transportation Benefit District (TTBD) received around \$10,000 during the month of April 2013. The balance in the TTBD account is roughly \$24,000 for future street projects.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK