

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2014

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Mark Oaks.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy, City Attorney Gary M. Cuillier, Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead, Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas (EA Riojas).

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to excuse Councilmember Oaks from the November 24, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Receive October 2014 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- c. Approve Pay Estimate #12 and Final Payment to T. Bailey, Inc. in the amount of \$14,618.26 with retainage held in the amount of \$688.65 for the 1.7 MG Standpipe Water Reservoir No. 5 Project.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32853 through 32867 and EFTPR421-428 in the total amount of \$260,222.79 dated November 19, 2014.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 80651 through 80714 and EFTAP123 in the total amount of \$122,831.61 dated November 24, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Regarding 2015 Tax Levy and Revenues. Receive Staff Presentation and Public Comments on Proposed Levy.

Mayor Belton opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Finance Director Mead (FD Mead) reported that this is the first public hearing for the 2015 Preliminary Budget with the purpose to provide revenue estimates. FD Mead stated that the proposed revenues for all funds for the 2015 Preliminary Budget consist of various sources with

the largest being derived from Beginning Fund Balances, taxes such as Property Tax and Sales Tax, Utility Taxes, and Charges for Services, accounting for total projected revenues of \$20,632,800.

FD Mead reported that the 2015 Preliminary Budget includes an anticipated 1% increase or \$8,181.09 in Ad Valorem Taxes, better known as Property Taxes. The City will receive an additional \$1,829.46 in new construction, which will increase the total assessed value by an additional \$652,672. It is anticipated the levy rate in 2015 will be an estimated 2.7744 per \$1,000 of assessed value compared to the rate of 2.8030 in 2014.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Belton closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Ordinance 2014-13:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Determining and Fixing the Amount of Moneys to be Raised by Ad Valorem Taxes to Finance the Municipal Operations for the City of Toppenish, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to adopt Ordinance 2014-13, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Determining and Fixing the Amount of Moneys to be Raised by Ad Valorem Taxes to Finance the Municipal Operations for the City of Toppenish, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2014-14:

An Ordinance Amending the 2014 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2013-21 and Ordinance 2014-05 for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

FD Mead reported that the proposed Ordinance to Amend the 2014 Operating Budget is to include the adjustments as detailed in the Budget Summary that consist of repair and maintenance for City buildings, Public Works projects costs, and Legends Casino grant funds for the Police and Fire Departments.

Councilmember Dorr moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Ordinance 2014-14, an Ordinance Amending the 2014 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2013-21 and Ordinance 2014-05 for the City of Toppenish, Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2014-23:

A Resolution Approving Community Development Block Grant Program General Purpose Grant Agreement Between the State of Washington Department of Commerce and the City of Toppenish for Funding in the Amount of \$399,247 for the Construction of Water, Street and Sidewalk Improvements Along Lincoln Avenue.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that the proposed Resolution is to receive a grant for the construction of water, street and sidewalk improvements along Lincoln Avenue.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2014-23, a Resolution Approving Community Development Block Grant Program General Purpose Grant Agreement Between the State of Washington Department of Commerce and the City of

Toppenish for Funding in the Amount of \$399,247 for the Construction of Water, Street and Sidewalk Improvements Along Lincoln Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2014-24:

Resolution Amending Section 4 of Resolution 2014-18 for the Purpose of Extending the Expected Closing Date of the Transfer of Control of the City's Cable Service Provider from Charter Communications to Comcast Corporation.

CM Murphy reported that the proposed Resolution is to extend the closing date for the transaction between Charter and Comcast to June 30, 2015.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to adopt Resolution 2014-24, a Resolution Amending Section 4 of Resolution 2014-18 for the Purpose of Extending the Expected Closing Date of the Transfer of Control of the City's Cable Service Provider from Charter Communications to Comcast Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

Award Bid for 2014 Well and Telemetry Improvements Project.

CM Murphy reported that in the agenda packet Council received a copy of Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. recommendation to award a construction contract to MBI Construction Services, Inc. as the lowest bidder for the 2014 Well and Telemetry Improvements Project.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to Award the Low Bid of \$77,305.23 to MBI Construction Services, Inc. for the 2014 Well and Telemetry Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Declare the 1.7 MG Standpipe Water Reservoir No. 5 Project Complete and Start the 60-Day Lien Process.

CM Murphy reported that in the agenda packet Council received a copy of Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. recommendation to declare the project complete.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to Declare the 1.7 MG Standpipe Water Reservoir No. 5 Project Complete and Start the 60-Day Lien Process. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Belton reported that he attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) Executive Board meeting and a Driving Rural Yakima Valley Economy meeting.

Councilmember Dorr reported that the Toppenish Lighted Parade will be on November 29, 2014.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy queried the Council on who will be attending the YVCOG General Membership meeting on December 10, 2014 at the Harman Center in Yakima. Councilmembers Jiménez and Ortloff responded that they will attend the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Belton called for an executive session to be held at 7:23 p.m. The Mayor stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss potential sale of property owned by the City. Mayor Belton also stated that the executive session would convene for 15 minutes or less and it was anticipated no action would be taken when the Regular Session reconvened.

Mayor Belton called the regular session back to order at 7:38 p.m. (No audience was present before or after the executive session.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK