

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2015

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Loren Belton and Councilmembers Zachary Dorr, Clara Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance C. Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary M. Cuillier, Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead (FD 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diana Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, reported on the success of the community clean up and graffiti paint out sponsored by the Community Safety Network (CSN) on October 24, 2015. Ms. Sampson stated that the roughly 104 volunteers were able to paint out 3,935 square feet of graffiti and collect over 100 bags of garbage to clean up the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the October 12, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Receive September 2015 Budget Report and Update Memorandum Submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33192 through 33205 and EFTPR586-593 in the total amount of \$255,814.24 dated October 21, 2015.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 82566 through 82639, EFTAP137 and NR75790 in the total amount of \$108,616.95 dated October 26, 2015 and void Checks Number 75790, 82419 and 82420.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Regarding 2016 Tax Levy and Revenues. Receive Staff Presentation and Public Comments on Proposed Levy.

Mayor Belton opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Finance Director Mead (FD Mead) reported that this is the first public hearing for the 2016 Preliminary Budget with the purpose to provide revenue estimates. FD Mead stated that the proposed revenues for all funds for the 2016 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 \$22,349,460.

FD Mead reported that the 2016 Preliminary Budget includes an anticipated 1% increase or \$8,285.07 in Ad Valorem Taxes, better known as Property Taxes. It is anticipated the levy rate

in 2016 will be an estimated 2.6934 per \$1,000 of assessed value compared to the rate of 2.7333 in 2015.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Belton closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Ordinance 2015-15:

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, 2016.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2015-15, 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, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-21:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Canceling Claims Check.

City Manager Hoyt (CM Hoyt) reported that the proposed Resolution is to cancel a claims check that was not cashed.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Dorr to adopt Resolution 2015-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Canceling Claims Check. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2015-22:

A Resolution of the City of Toppenish, Washington, in Support of Proposition No. 1 Yakima County Local Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice Services.

CM Hoyt recited the proposed Resolution in support of Proposition No. 1 Yakima County Local Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice Services.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2015-22, a Resolution of the City of Toppenish, Washington, in Support of Proposition No. 1 Yakima County Local Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2015-23:

A Resolution Approving Addendum to Agreement for City Services between the City of Toppenish and the Yakama Nation Housing Authority.

City Manager Hoyt (CM Hoyt) reported that the proposed Resolution is to approve an Addendum to the Agreement for City Services dated February 28, 1990 between the City and the Yakama Nation Housing Authority for the Buena Way Development, consisting of 61 units.

Councilmember Dorr moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to adopt Resolution 2015-23, a Resolution Approving Addendum to Agreement for City Services between the City of Toppenish and the Yakama Nation Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2015-24:

Resolution Approving Interlocal Correction/Detention Agreement with the City of Union Gap.

CM Hoyt reported that the proposed Resolution is to approve the Interlocal Correction/Detention Agreement with the City of Union Gap for 20 full time prisoners.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2015-24, a Resolution Approving Interlocal Correction/Detention Agreement with the City of Union Gap. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Presentations by City Manager and Finance Director/City Clerk Regarding 2016 Budget.

Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead (FD Mead) reported on changes to the 2016 Preliminary Budget as detailed in her Memorandum presented to Council.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Jiménez reported that she attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments General Membership meeting in Grandview on October 21, 2015. The 2016 YVCOG Budget was tabled for a vote at the next meeting in December. Councilmember Jiménez stated that YVCOG Director Larry Matson is available to speak to Council at the November 2, 2015 Study Session.

Mayor Belton reported that he attend the YVCOG Executive Board meeting, the YVOEM Executive Board meeting and the Mayors' meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Hoyt reported that on October 20, 2015 he and Nancy Wetch, P.E. were invited to attend the IACC conference in Wenatchee to participate in a round table to discuss with funding agencies the City's infiltration problems. CM Hoyt reported that the West First Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project was in the fourth week of construction.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK