

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 27, 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, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy, Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead, Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Belton reported that the following amendment to Consent Agenda item c is included to the Agenda: Claims Check Number 80574 for \$694.28.

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the October 13, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Number 32819 through 32834 and EFTPR406-413 in the total amount of \$252,934.92 dated October 20, 2014.
- c. Approve Claims Checks Number 80505 through 80574, EFTAP122, NR71254, NR73366, NR74089, NR75331, NR75500, NR76497, NR76500, NR76502, NR76527, NR76721, NR76726, NR76739, and NR77178 (these NR Checks void for Unclaimed Property) in the total amount of \$123,874.78 dated October 27, 2014 and Void Check Numbers 80461, 80482, 71254, 73366, 74089, 75331, 75500, 76497, 76500, 76502, 76527, 76721, 76726, 76739, and 77178.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-21:

Resolution Approving Change Order No. 2 to Contract with T. Bailey, Inc. for the 1.7 MG Standpipe Water Reservoir No. 5 Project.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that the proposed Resolution is to approve a Change Order to enable the City to use excess funding from the project as detailed in the document.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2014-21, a Resolution Approving Change Order No. 2 to Contract with T. Bailey, Inc. for the 1.7 MG Standpipe Water Reservoir No. 5 Project. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Presentations by City Manager and Finance Director/City Clerk Regarding 2015 Preliminary Budget.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that three weeks ago Council was presented with a balanced 2015 Preliminary Budget, which was balanced on projected revenues and expenditures. The City Council has the opportunity to draw on funds that are not in the revenue projections and are funds that have accumulated within Fund 150 – Special Projects and Fund 002 – Capital Reserve in the General Fund. CM Murphy stated that Council received a copy of an October 6, 2014 Memorandum from Finance Director/City Clerk Mead detailing the 2015 Preliminary Budget Options using Fund 150 and Fund 002. There are funds available in those two funds to reinstate the services and personnel eliminated in the preliminary budget; however, it could only be a onetime fix for an ongoing problem facing the City in future years.

CM Murphy reported that he has initiated discussions with parties that might be interested in the Safe Haven property, the Railroad Depot property, and Elmwood Cemetery.

CM Murphy encouraged Council to be ready to make a decision regarding the 2015 Preliminary Budget during the November 3, 2014 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Dorr reported that the Toppenish Ranch Party will be November 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Toppenish Middle School Cafeteria.

Councilmember Jiménez reported that she, Mayor Belton, and CM Murphy attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) General Membership Meeting and that it was decided to increase the cost for the dinner to \$20. The meeting consisted of a presentation from Victoria Lincoln with Association of Washington Cities to help the Cities to prepare for the next legislative session.

Mayor Belton reported that he attended the YVCOG MPO/RTPO Executive Committee Policy Board Meeting, the YVCOG Executive Committee Meeting, and the Office of Emergency Management Executive Board Meeting. In addition, Mayor Belton reported that he had an opportunity to attend the awards banquet for the Police Explorers and their families hosted by the Police Department and the food and prizes were donated by local businesses.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy reported that he included a copy of the materials that Victoria Lincoln distributed at the YVCOG General Membership Meeting. The materials included an article written by a couple of Councilmembers from other jurisdictions in the State dealing with the fact that the State Legislature is not sharing the projected revenues from the marijuana sales as promised.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

LOREN BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK