

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 10, 2023**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit  
Absent: Councilmember Juan Ceja  
Staff: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford, Chief of Police John Clary, Administrative Services Director Heather Jobe, Information Technology Services Manager Van Donley, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), and Community Television Manager Sean Davido

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez, and Councilmembers Belton, Duval, Garcia, and Pettit responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Ceja was not present at the meeting.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Pettit to approve the April 10, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eligio Jiménez, 521 North Date Street, Toppenish, as the Community Safety Network (CSN) President, invited Council and the public to participate in the CSN Spring Clean Up on April 22, 2023. He distributed flyers in English and Spanish regarding the event. CSN hosts several events with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace March, the Spring and Fall Clean Ups, the Memorial Golf Tournament, and Ciclovía all in efforts to promote a safe and clean environment for community members.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 27, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the April 3, 2023, Study Session
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36153 through 36166 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$206,932.77 dated April 7, 2023, and void Check Number 36128
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 96975 through 97029, EFTAP331 through EFTAP333 in the total amount of \$753,366.85 dated April 10, 2023, and void Check Number NR96800

Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to take AB 23-018 from the table. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor Saavedra Requested CC Riojas Read Ordinance No. 2023-03 into the Record for the First Public Reading: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Granting to Lightspeed Networks, Inc., the Right, Privilege, Authority, and Nonexclusive Franchise for Ten (10) Years, to Construct, Maintain, Operate, Replace, and Repair a Telecommunications Network Limited to Small Wireless Communication Facilities in, Over, Along, and Within Certain Designated Public Rights-of-Way of the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-03. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2023-17: A Resolution Authorizing the Solid Waste Utility Fund to Specifically Allocate Funds Towards the Annual Community Cleanup Events.**

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2023-17. Motion carried unanimously.

## **COUNCIL TRAINING**

### **Elected Officials Training, Part 1**

The City Council and staff viewed the Association of Washington Cities Elected Officials Essentials training, Part 1, during the meeting.

## **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez thanked all the community members that assisted with the Extreme Weather Shelter.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pettit had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval invited the public to attend the rental assistance fair in Sunnyside on April 19, 2023, and the Missing and/or Murdered Indigenous Symposium on May 4, 2023 and May 5, 2023.

Mayor Saavedra thanked Camp Hope and the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic for providing a safe location for the homeless and invited the community to participate in the CSN Clean Up on April 22, 2023.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Zabell updated Council on the following:

- City Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023 lasted 1 minute and 15 seconds
- Activities Program Manager, Katie Goodale, will start April 21, 2023
- Pool staff recruitment
- Public Works staff working on pool repairs and clean up
- Public Works seasonal staffing recruitment

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



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ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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