

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 27, 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, Fire Chief Tim Smith, 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Pettit to excuse Councilmember Ceja from the March 27, 2023, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to approve the March 27, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 13, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36140 through 36152 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$283,254.02 dated March 23, 2023
- c. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 96913 through 96974, EFTAP330 in the total amount of \$183,587.98 dated March 27, 2023, and void Check Numbers NR96824, NR96834, and NR96870

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Saavedra Requested CC Riojas Read Ordinance 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Pettit to table the second reading and potential adoption for Ordinance 2023-03 to a future meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-13: A Resolution Approving Addendum No. 2 to General Agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for the Water Service Meter Replacement Project.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2023-13. Motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez voted no.

Resolution 2023-14: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Flock Group, Inc. Services Agreement Order Form With the Government Agency Agreement Attached for Flock Safety Camera Technology and Service.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2023-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Appointment of Planning Commission Member

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to appoint HollyAnna DeCoteau Littlebull to serve on the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pettit had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez reported her attendance at the YVCOG General Membership Meeting on March 15, 2023, in Toppenish. She noted that the Toppenish was well represented with several Councilmembers and staff in attendance.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Mayor Saavedra reported her attendance at the YVCOG General Membership Meeting on March 15, 2023, in Toppenish. She expressed her concerns with the Yakima County Commissioners allowing the mismanagement of funds that should be distributed for the most vulnerable populations in Yakima County.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Zabell updated Council on the following:

- City Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023
- Community Safety Network cleanup on April 22, 2023
- Council training webinars
- AWC Annual Conference
- IAFF labor negotiations
- Grants received from Yakima County
- Activities Program Coordinator recruitment
- Internal staff training sessions
- Staff retreat to identify City needs and resources to assist Council with goal setting
- Council Orientation Program
- City's social media accounts managed by Sean Davido and Linda Finley

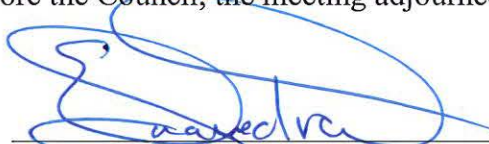
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Saavedra called for Council to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining with Legal Counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for 30 minutes with no action anticipated. The Council started its Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. after all guests left the chambers and audio technical difficulties.

At 8:29 p.m., Mayor Saavedra reconvened the regular meeting back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK