

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Study Session Minutes**  
**May 1, 2023**

Mayor Saavedra called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra and Councilmembers Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit  
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez and Councilmember Loren Belton  
Staff: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford, Administrative Services Director Heather Jobe, Information Technology Services Manager Van Donley, Activities Program Manager Katie Goodale, City Clerk Heidi Riojas, and Human Resources Generalist Mary Goodale (HRG Goodale).

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

Councilmember Ceja moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez from the May 1, 2023, Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Ceja moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Councilmember Belton from the May 1, 2023, Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION**

CM Zabell introduced Activities Program Manager Katie Goodale to Council.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve the May 1, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PIONEER PARK DISCUSSION**

CM Zabell updated Council on law enforcement efforts to decrease illegal drug activity in the community, options for gazebo rentals, and lack of public bathrooms at Pioneer Park. After discussion regarding the Pioneer Park, Council suggested implementing a key deposit to allow access to the bathrooms for the gazebo rentals. Due to vandalism, the Pioneer Park bathrooms will remain closed to the public, with the exception for gazebo rentals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Saavedra", written in a cursive style.

---

ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heidi Riojas", written in a cursive style.

---

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK