

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 14, 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, and George Garcia
Absent: Councilmembers Juan Ceja and Kyle Pettit
Staff: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford, Chief of Police John Clary, Fire Chief Tim Smith (FC Smith), Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess, 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, and Garcia responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmembers Ceja and Pettit were not present at the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Councilmember Ceja from the August 14, 2023, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the August 14, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the July 24, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the August 7, 2023, Study Session
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36324 through 36349 and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3032-EFTPR3041 in the total amount of \$256,517.18 dated August 11, 2023
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 97525 through 97620 and Electronic Transfers EFTAP348-EFTAP350 in the total amount of \$398,372.52 dated August 14, 2023

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2023-10 Into The Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Repealing The Following Toppenish Municipal Code Chapters: Chapter 9.09 and Chapter 9.10. The Ordinance also Creates Toppenish Municipal Code

Section 9.05.100, Adopting Portions of Revised Code of Washington Chapter 69.50 by Reference. The Ordinance also Declares an Emergency; and Establishes an Effective Date. The Ordinance also Provides that its Provisions are Severable from one Another and Provides for Publication by Summary.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2023-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-34: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Updating Master Fee Schedules A and B.

Councilmember Garcia moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to approve Resolution 2023-34. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation for Wastewater Facility Solids Handling Plan.

Nancy Wetch, P.E. with Gray & Osborne, Inc. presented an overview of the City's Wastewater Facility (WWF) Plan adopted by the City Council in 2005. The WWF Plan has been amended three times, with the recent amendment in June 2022, for the development of a Solids Waste Handling (SWH) Plan for the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility. The SWH Plan has been completed to address the operations and maintenance needs and the needed replacement of failed equipment. The SWH Plan provides a long-term strategy for the solids handling and critical equipment based on flow, loading and regulatory requirements. The SWH Plan will be discussed further during the September 5, 2023, Study Session Meeting.

Resolution 2023-35: A Resolution Approving the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between Yakima County, and the Cities of Grandview, Moxee, Selah, Sunnyside, Toppenish, Union Gap, Wapato, Yakima, and Zillah.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2023-35. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Garcia reported his attendance at the Community Safety Network's (CSN) National Night Out event on August 1, 2023, and the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) Regional Crime Lab ribbon cutting on August 3, 2023.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval thanked the resourceful Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and the Parks employee that painted the park swing set.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez had nothing to report.

Mayor Saavedra reported her attendance at CSN's National Night Out on August 1, 2023, and thanked all the employees from Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks, Recreation, and

Administration for representing the City at the event. In addition, she attended the YVCOG Regional Crime Lab ribbon cutting on August 3, 2023.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FC Smith reported on the City's mutual aid assistance to East Valley with the Olympic Fruit Warehouse fire over the weekend. Chief Smith encouraged the public to sign up with the Yakima County EMS Alert System to receive emergency notifications.

CM Zabell updated Council on the following:

- CSN's National Night Out had over 1,000 people attend the event
- YVCOG Regional Crime Lab ribbon cutting
- Chief Administrative Officer meeting
- Yakama Nation Tribal Council meeting with the Yakima County Sheriff, and the Toppenish Police Department
- MidValley Television Cable Regulation Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. on August 23, 2023
- Strategic Planning with staff to develop the Capital Improvements Plan the afternoon of August 30, 2023, and the morning of August 31, 2023
- Council Planning Retreat

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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