

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Minutes

August 7, 2023

Mayor Saavedra called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford, Accounting Manager Maria Mayhue (AM Mayhue), Chief of Police John Clary, Information Technology Manager Van Donley City Clerk Heidi Riojas, Human Resources Generalist Mary Goodale (HRG Goodale), Finance Technician II Yeni Salcedo, and Finance Technician II Allyson Knight

HRG Goodale 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 Juan Ceja was not present at the meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to approve the August 7, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

AM Mayhue introduced Finance Technician II Yeni Salcedo and Finance Technician II Allyson Knight to the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ORDINANCE

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2023-09 Into The Record: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Subsection 6.10.020(F) of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Increase the Number of Horses Authorized for Temporary Boarding When Emergency Evacuations are Ordered; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Pettit to Adopt Ordinance 2023-09. Motion carried unanimously.

Appropriate Legends Casino 2% Award for the Purchase and Installation of FLOCK Safety Cameras.

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to Appropriate Yakama Nation Gaming Commission 2% Award of \$55,000.00 for the Purchase and Installation of FLOCK Safety Cameras. Motion carried unanimously.

Appropriate Legends Casino 2% Award for the Purchase of a Police Vehicle.

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to Appropriate Yakama Nation Gaming Commission 2% Award of \$40,000.00 for the Purchase of a Police Vehicle. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:16 p.m., Mayor Saavedra called for the Council to go into Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee. The approximate time for the Executive Session is 30 minutes with no action anticipated.

At 5:46 p.m., Mayor Saavedra reconvened the meeting back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK