

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**September 6, 2023**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, 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, Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess, City Clerk Heidi Riojas, Community Television Manager Sean Davido (CATV Davido), Activities Program Manager Katie Goodale (APM Goodale), Information Technology Manager Van Donley 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 Belton, Duval, and Garcia responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmembers Ceja and Pettit were not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Garcia moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to excuse Councilmember Ceja from the September 6, 2023, Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the September 6, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**END OF SEASON POOL UPDATE AND AQUATICS AWARDS**

APM Goodale provided an end of season update for the 2023 aquatics season. In addition, she presented the Lifeguard of the Year and the Cashier of the Year Awards.

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution 2023-36: A Resolution Approving the 2023 Utility Rate Study Agreement with FCS Group and the City of Toppenish for the Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Cost Of Service Rate Study.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2023-36. Motion carried unanimously.

## WEBPAGE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

CATV Davido updated Council the City received notification of a grant award to pay the costs to upgrade and migrate to a .gov domain website to be compliant with the Washington State Cybersecurity Plan, for data retention, and for data backup. He noted that staff will be working diligently to be able to go live with the new website on January 1, 2024. Later this month, staff will present documents for the Council to accept the grant and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned to 5:49 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK