

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023

Mayor Saavedra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Loren Belton, and Councilmembers Naila Duval, George Garcia, Josh Garza, Kyle Pettit, and Cristian Sanchez
Staff: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford (ACM/PWD Ford), Chief of Police John Clary, Fire Chief Tim Smith, Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess, Public Works Supervisor Daniel Musgraves, 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 Belton, and Councilmembers Duval, Garcia, Garza, Pettit, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve the November 13, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Rabe, 24 North C Street, Toppenish, spoke to the lighting at the swimming pool.

Fernando Amaro, 1113 East First Street, Toppenish, spoke to a stolen vehicle from his property.

Cinderella Nunez, 102 South Date Street, Toppenish, spoke to the collection of neighbors' leaves that collect in her grandfather's yard and driveway.

Frank Nunez, 102 South Date Street, Toppenish, spoke to the costs of collecting his neighbors' leaves in his yard and driveway.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the October 23, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the November 6, 2023, Study Session
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36439 through 36446, 36449 through 36463 and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3104 through EFTPR3125 in the total amount of \$304,785.68 dated November 9, 2023, and void EFTPR3109 through EFTPR3111, EFTPR3114, EFTPR3115, and EFTPR3122
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 97923 through 98036 and Electronic Transfers EFTAP361, EFTAP362 in the total amount of \$562,288.57 dated November 13, 2023 and void NR97846

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-42: A Resolution Approving BCR Solid Solutions to Rent Equipment to the City of Toppenish Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Pettit to approve Resolution 2023-42. Motion failed. Councilmembers Pettit, Garza, Garcia, and Sanchez voted no.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Pettit had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton reported his attendance at the Employee Recognition Lunch on October 26, 2023, and the Ranch Party on November 2, 2023. He encouraged the community to attend the Lighted Christmas Parade on November 25, 2023.

Councilmember Duval reported her attendance at the unveiling on November 1, 2023, at Yakamart for the naloxone vending machine.

Councilmember Garza had nothing to report.

Councilmember Sanchez reported his attendance at the Ranch Party on November 2, 2023, and announced that SkillsUSA is working on a campaign to collect supplies to support animals in need.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Mayor Saavedra reported her attendance at the Employee Recognition Lunch on October 26, 2023, the Coffee with the Community hosted by Representative Chris Corry on October 26, 2023, and the Ranch Party on November 2, 2023.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM updated Council on the following:

- Employee Recognition Lunch on October 26, 2023, recognized Department Employees of the Year with Jordan Vanderhoof for the Police Department, Dale Northrup for the Fire Department, Sean Davido for Finance and Administration Departments, and Gregoria Vasquez for Public Works Department. The 2023 City Employee of the Year was presented to Gregoria Vasquez.
- Lighted Christmas Parade on November 25, 2023
- Toy Train Christmas at Railroad Depot starting November 25, 2023, every weekend Saturday and Sunday until December 17, 2023
- Friday Freebies Movie – Polar Express at Railroad Depot on December 1, 2023
- Council/Staff Strategic Planning Meeting on December 2, 2023
- AWC Newly Elected Officials Training on December 9, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to schedule a Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on November 20, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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