

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 9, 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, 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, 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, and Pettit responded their attendance during roll call.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the October 9, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the September 25, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the October 2, 2023, Study Session
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36401 through 36425 and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3082-EFTPR3092 in the total amount of \$296,669.17 dated October 6, 2023

- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 97807 through 97866 and Electronic Transfer EFTAP357-EFTAP358 in the total amount of \$1,462,571.10 dated October 9, 2023, and voided Check NR97640

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-40: A Resolution Approving U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Agreement Under the Fiscal Year 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Belton to approve Resolution 2023-40. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pettit had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garza had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval announced on behalf of Community Safety Network (CSN) Fall Clean up will be October 14, 2023, at the Toppenish Middle School. She thanked the CSN partners for organizing this annual community event. In addition, Councilmember Duval acknowledged October 9, 2023, as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton had nothing to report.

Mayor Saavedra had nothing to report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM updated Council on the following:


- Working on payroll
- Joint meeting with Yakama Nation, Yakima County Sheriff, and the City
- Interviewing for Finance Director position
- Accountability Audit
- Fire engine
- 2024 Budget
- CSN Clean up
- Council vacancy

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK