

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

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 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, Police Captain Joseph Mehline, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn, 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 Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve the January 8, 2024, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Saavedra recited the Proclamation to proclaim the week of January 14, 2024, through January 20, 2024, as Martin Luther King, Jr. Week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sergio Nicolas, 12 South H Street, Toppenish, spoke to public safety concerns.

Francisco Torres, 16 South H Street, Toppenish, spoke to the utility bill.

Alex Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, spoke to the utility bill and public safety concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the January 2, 2024, Study Session
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36499 through 36543 and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3149 through EFTPR3157 in the total amount of \$271,822.51 dated December 22, 2023
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36544 through 36556 and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3158 through EFTPR3166 in the total amount of \$202,961.45 dated January 3, 2024
- e. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 98142 through 98220 and Electronic Transfers EFTAP368 through EFTAP370 in the total amount of \$244,628.34 dated December 25, 2023
- f. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 98221 through 98277 and Electronic Transfers EFTAP371 through EFTAP372 in the total amount of \$258,235.43 dated December 31, 2023
- g. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 98278 through 98287 in the total amount of \$922,392.34 dated January 8, 2024

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-01: A Resolution Approving Amendment #1 to the Yakima Valley Local Crime Lab Professional Services Agreement Between Yakima Valley Conference Of Governments and the City of Toppenish, for the Toppenish Police Department Relating to a Regional Crime Preventive Program for a Local Crime Lab.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2024-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-02: A Resolution Approving of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington Approving an Animal Sheltering Services Agreement with the Yakima Humane Society to Provide Animal Sheltering Services for the City.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2024-02. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval reported the City is recruiting to fill the vacant City Council position.

Councilmember Garza had nothing to report.

Councilmember Sanchez reported on high school events.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Mayor Saavedra reported her attendance at the December 14, 2023, ribbon cutting ceremony for the Yakama Nation Multiculture Building.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM updated Council on the following:

- Labor negotiations with Teamsters
- Animal Control issues

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK