

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 12, 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 Joseph Mehline, Fire Chief Tim Smith (FC Smith), Budget and Finance Director

Adam Vaughn (FD Vaughn), Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess (PWS Burgess), 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

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve the February 12, 2024, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Swearing in of Newly Appointed Chief of Police Joseph Mehline

CC Riojas administered the Oath of Office to Chief of Police Mehline, followed with his daughters pinning his new Chief Badge on his uniform.

PUBLIC COMMENT

LaDon Linde, Yakima County Commissioner, resides in Sunnyside, Washington, inquired on the status of the City submitting for its two American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding awards for the Flock Safety Camera System and the Juniper Street and Jackson Street Watermain Improvements Project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 22, 2024, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the February 5, 2024, Study Session
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36571 through 36586 and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3176 through EFTPR3185 in the total amount of \$244,464.54 dated February 8, 2024
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 98372 through 98472 and Electronic Transfers EFTAP377 through EFTAP379 in the total amount of \$338,460.74 dated February 12, 2024, and void Checks Numbers NR98270 and NR98371

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-04: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington Updating Master Fee Schedules A and B.

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Belton to approve Resolution 2024-04. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-05: A Resolution Approving the Contract from Lumen to Implement a New Phone System.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve Resolution 2024-05. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-06: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding for the Rollover and Modification to the 2022-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Teamsters Local Union No. 760 (Finance, Public Works, Police Records, and Development Services Employees) for the Period January 1, 2021, Through December 31, 2024.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2024-06. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-07: A Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition Thereof.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Belton to approve Resolution 2024-07. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-08: A Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Services with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. to Extend Agreement Through March 31, 2024.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2024-08. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-09: A Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 6 to the Contract for Professional Engineering Services with Gray & Osborne, Inc. to Extend the Agreement Through March 31, 2024.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve Resolution 2024-09. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-10: A Resolution Approving Agreement No. 38278 Between Yakima County And City Of Toppenish In Conjunction With The American Rescue Plan, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Award.

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2024-10. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval reported a parent advisory meeting for recreation will be on February 22, 2024.

Councilmember Garcia reported his attendance at the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) dinner for new and re-elected Councilmembers on February 9, 2024.

Councilmember Sanchez reported the City is accepting Applications for Appointment to City Council until 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2024.

Councilmember Garza reported his attendance at the YVCOG dinner for new Councilmembers on February 9, 2024.

Mayor Saavedra reported her attendance at the YVCOG dinner for new Mayors and Councilmembers on February 9, 2024. She thanked the community members for attending the Prospective Council Candidate Workshop on February 7, 2024, that staff for putting together to help educate the public on the role and responsibilities of serving on the City Council.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM updated Council on the following:

- Prospective Council Candidate Workshop on February 7, 2024
- YVCOG General Membership meeting on February 21, 2024, in Zillah

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR