

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 22, 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, Ezequiel Morfin, and Cristian Sanchez
Staff: Interim City Manager Dan Ford (ICM Ford), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn (FD Vaughn), Chief of Police Joseph Mehline, Interim Public Works Director Shaun 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, Morfin, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Sanchez moved, seconded by Councilmember Morfin to approve the April 22, 2024, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alexander Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, expressed his appreciation to the police and fire personnel who responded to his house and spoke to public safety concerns

Dennis Lee, 1121 Queen Avenue, Yakima, spoke to public safety concerns impacting businesses in the downtown area.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the April 8, 2024, Regular Meeting
- b. Accept Minutes of the April 15, 2024, Public Safety Committee Meeting
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36642 through 36654 and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3227 through EFTPR3242 in the total amount of \$341,335.91 dated April 19, 2024
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 98756 through 98825 and Electronic Transfer EFTAP389 and EFTAP390 in the total amount of \$237,979.47 dated April 22, 2024, and void Check NR98743

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-03 into the Record: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.43 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, Imposing an Additional Quarter Percent Real Estate Excise Tax, Providing for Severability, Corrections, and Establishing an Effective Date.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2024-03. Motion carried. Councilmember Garcia voted no.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-04 into the Record: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.18 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, by Imposing a \$40 Vehicle Fee Authorized RCW 82.80.140, Providing for Severability, Corrections, and Establishing an Effective Date.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to modify Ordinance 2024-04 to reduce the increase to \$10 and bring it back to Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-05 into the Record: An Ordinance Adjusting Water Rates by Amending Section 13.16.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, Providing for Severability, Corrections, and Establishing an Effective Date.

Mayor Saavedra moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Belton to adopt Ordinance 2024-05. Motion carried. Councilmember Garcia voted no.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-06 into the Record: An Ordinance Adjusting Sewer Rates by Amending Sections 13.44.025, 13.44.030, 13.44.040 And 13.44.045 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, Providing for Severability, Corrections, and Establishing an Effective Date.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2024-06. Motion carried. Councilmembers Garcia, Morfin, and Sanchez voted no.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-07 into the Record: An Ordinance Adjusting Solid Waste Rates by Amending Section 8.10.170 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, Providing for Severability, Corrections, and Establishing an Effective Date.

Councilmember Morfin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to forward Ordinance 2024-07 to the May 6, 2024, Study Session. Motion carried. Mayor Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Belton, and Councilmember Duval voted no.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-08 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 2.30 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for the Planning Commission, to Provide for Severability, Corrections, and an Effective Date.

Councilmember Morfin moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Belton to adopt Ordinance 2024-08. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-21: A Resolution Approving Professional Services Contract for Interim City Manager.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Belton to approve Resolution 2024-21. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-22: A Resolution Approving a License and Services Agreement Between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and the City of Toppenish, Washington, for Financial and Other City Software Through Sourcewell Contract Numbered #090320-TTI

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve Resolution 2024-22. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-23: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for a Surface Transportation Block Grant in the Amount of \$3,958,000 for the South Toppenish Avenue Reconstruction Improvements Project.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2024-23. Motion carried unanimously.

Select Three Councilmembers to Serve on the Budget and Finance Committee for 2024 and 2025.

Councilmembers Morfin, Duval, and Garica agreed to serve on the Budget and Finance Committee for 2024 and 2025.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Sanchez reported his attendance at the Public Safety Committee (PSC) meeting on April 15, 2024.

Councilmember Garza had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval reported her attendance and appreciation to the people who participated in the Community Safety Network cleanup on April 20, 2024. She noted that soccer was underway and thanked the volunteers for helping out. Also, she reported that the PSC meeting was held on April 15, 2024, and encouraged the public to share their public safety concerns by attending the next PSC meeting on May 20, 2024.

Councilmember Morfin had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton had nothing to report.

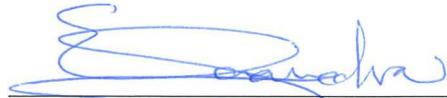
Mayor Saavedra reported her attendance at the Mayors' meeting and will be welcoming the participants at the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR