

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2021

Mayor Oaks called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MASK GUIDELINES

CC Riojas recited the City of Toppenish Mask Guidelines to direct masks are required for all individuals regardless of vaccination.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Clara Jiménez.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, City Clerk Heidi Riojas, and Cable Television Manager Judy Devall.

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmembers Belton, Ceja, Duval, Garcia, and Jiménez responded their attendance during roll call.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to approve the August 23, 2021 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. Receive 1st Quarter 2021 Financial Report
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35345 through 35366 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$253,593.04 dated August 18, 2021
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 94162 through 94239 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$384,984.29 dated August 23, 2021

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-30: A Resolution Rescinding Resolutions 2020-29, Resolution 2020-30, and Resolution 2020-34 for the Temporary Suspension of Utility Late Fees, the Temporary Suspension of Utility Shut Offs, the Temporary Extension of Housing Loan Payments and the Temporary Suspension of Housing Late Fees During the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2021-30. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-31: A Resolution Approving Change Order No. 2 to Contract with Concord Construction, Inc. for the Public Works Office and Vehicle Storage Project.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve Resolution 2021-31. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-32: A Resolution Approving Change Order No. 2 to Contract with Concord Construction, Inc. for the Public Works Office and Vehicle Storage Project.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2021-32. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Oaks proposed rescheduling the City Manager evaluation to the September 7, 2021 Study Session.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to schedule an Executive Session during the Study Session on September 7, 2021 to conduct the City Manager evaluation. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Jiménez had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval noted her attendance at the All Aboard Washington meeting on August 14, 2021 to share the plans to improve the passenger train system.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Mayor Oaks had nothing to report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Pool schedule updates
- Recruitment updates (Police Chief, Public Works Director, Lateral Police Officer, and Entry Level Police Dispatcher/Clerk)
- Transportation updates
- Public Works projects
- All Aboard Washington passenger train promotion
- Auditor Entrance meeting on August 23, 2021
- COVID-19 masking and vaccination protocols update

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK