

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022

Mayor Saavedra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit

Staff: Interim City Manager Debbie Zabell (ICM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Chief of Police John Clary, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), Deputy City Clerk Sabrina Renfrew, and Cable Television Manager Judy Devall

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to approve the March 14, 2022 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Ceja to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 28, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the March 7, 2022 Study Session
- c. Approve Minutes of the March 11, 2022 Special Meeting
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35570 through 35581 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$167,657.94 dated March 11, 2022
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 95117 through 95183 in the total amount of \$1,017,095.02 dated Mach 14, 2022, and void Check NR95102

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-10: A Resolution of Intent to Annex the City Cemetery Property.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2022-10 to accept the filing of the Notice of Intention and Petition for Annexation and to refer the Petition to the Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing and zoning recommendation and to also refer this petition to the Yakima County Boundary Review Board for review or for passage of a 45-day period without a request for review being filed as is required for annexation of City-owned property for City purposes that is not contiguous to City limits. In addition, the Petition requests that the area being annexed be required to assume existing City indebtedness to the extent assumed by other City-owned property within the City limits. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-11: A Resolution Approving Professional Services Contract for Interim City Manager.

Councilmember Ceja moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2022-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-12: A Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition Thereof.

Councilmember Ceja moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2022-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the April 4, 2022 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to discuss the following during the April 4, 2022 Study Session: 1) Meet New City Employees; 2) Dog Ordinance Updates; 2) Humane Society Contract; 3) Fee Resolution Updates; and 4) New Fire Engine.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Duval announced the City's composting, and the spring clean-up will be from March 28, 2022 through April 7, 2022.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pettit had nothing to report.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez announced that the City will be hosting the Yakima Valley Council of Governors (YVCOG) virtual meeting on March 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Saavedra encouraged Council to consider attending the upcoming YVCOG virtual meeting. In addition, Mayor Saavedra welcomed and thanked ICM Zabell for her work.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER REPORT

ICM Zabell updated Council on the following:

- YVCOG Council Retreat
- Water meter replacement project
- Resignation of Building Official/Zoning Administrator Mitch Nickolds
- Planning Commission meeting on March 22, 2022
- State Senators will be holding a briefing on various topics on March 24, 2022
- AWC 2022 Legislative Briefing and Recap on March 29, 2022
- AWC Annual Conference in Vancouver June 21, 2022 through June 24, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK