

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 28, 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: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford, Administrative Services Director Heather Jobe, Fire Chief Tim Smith, Chief of Police John Clary, Assistant to the Chief of Police Linda Finley, 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 Jiménez, and Councilmembers Belton, Ceja, Duval, Garcia, and Pettit responded their attendance during roll call.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, second by Councilmember Pettit to excuse Councilmember Duval from the November 21, 2022, Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, second by Councilmember Pettit to approve the November 28, 2022 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 14, 2022
- b. Approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 21, 2022
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 35982 through 36015 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$275,648.39 dated November 23, 2022
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 96310 through 96361 in the total amount of \$195,716.44 dated November 28, 2022

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-46: A Resolution Designating Official Newspaper.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2022-46. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2022-17 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.01 of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Adopt the Budget Billing Program for Utility Services and Amending Sections 13.01.010, 13.01.020, 13.01.030, and 13.01.040; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Pettit to adopt Ordinance 2022-17. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2022-18 into the Record: An Ordinance Reducing Tax on Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Services by Two Percent to 29 Percent by Amending Sections 3.39.010 and 3.41.010 of the Toppenish Municipal Code; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2022-18. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2022-19 into the Record: An Ordinance Adjusting the 2023 Water Rates by Amending Section 13.16.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to adopt Ordinance 2022-19. Motion failed. Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez and Councilmembers Ceja, Garcia, and Pettit voted no.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2022-20 into the Record: An Ordinance Adjusting the 2023 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; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2022-20. Motion failed. Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez and Councilmembers Ceja, Garcia, and Pettit voted no.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2022-21 into the Record: An Ordinance Adjusting Solid Waste Rates by Amending Section 8.10.170 of the Toppenish Municipal Code; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2022-21. Motion failed. Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez and Councilmembers Ceja, Garcia, and Pettit voted no.

OLD BUSINESS

Continue Discussion on 2023 Recommended Budget Enhancements.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Priority 1 for Police Vehicle and Priority 2 for K9 Police Vehicle. Motion failed. Mayor Saavedra and Councilmembers Belton, Duval, and Pettit voted no.

Mayor Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to bring back 2023 Budget Enhancements Priority 1, 2, and 3 to the next meeting. Motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez and Councilmembers Ceja and Garcia voted no.

Continue Discussion on 2023 Preliminary Budget.

CM Zabell noted that staff will adjust the 2023 Preliminary Budget to present to Council for the next meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Belton reported his attendance at the lighted parade and the tree lighting on November 26, 2022.

Councilmember Pettit had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval reported that volunteers are needed to assist with meal preparation for the Extreme Weather Shelter.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez reported her attendance at the lighted parade, Toy Train Christmas, and the Auditor's Exit Conference.

Mayor Saavedra reported her attendance at the lighted parade, expressed appreciation to Commissioner Linde for the homeless funding, and the generosity of the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic to provide \$100,000 in funding for the Extreme Weather Shelter. In addition, she shared her shopping experience on November 26, 2022, kicking off Shop Small Business Saturday in Toppenish with representatives from the Offices of Senator Patty Murray and the Small Business Administration. They visited the local businesses of Tienda La Tapatia, Rose's Native Designs, Kraff's Clothing, and Mercado Guadalajara.

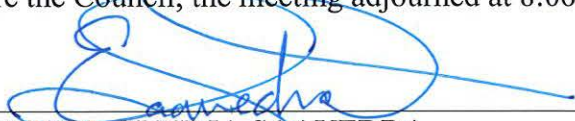
CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Zabell updated Council on the following:

- Small Business Saturday November 26, 2022
- Extreme Weather Shelter anticipated to open December 1, 2022-December 3, 2022
- Auditor's Exit Conference November 22, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.


MAYOR ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK