

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 12, 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 Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit
Absent: Councilmember Loren Belton
Staff: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford, Administrative Services Director Heather Jobe, Chief of Police John Clary, 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 Jiménez, and Councilmembers Ceja, Duval, Garcia, and Pettit responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Belton was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, second by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Councilmember Belton from the December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, second by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to approve the December 12, 2022 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Kay with Camp Hope provided Council with details of the people that have benefited from the services of the Extreme Winter Weather Shelter that opened December 3, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, second by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2022
- b. Approve Study Session Meeting Minutes dated December 5, 2022
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36016 through 36029 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$201,714.96 dated December 9, 2022
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 96362 through 96428 in the total amount of \$177,659.91 dated December 12, 2022

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2022-23 into the Record: An Ordinance Amending the 2022 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2021-07 for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, second by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2022-23. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-47: A Resolution Authorizing Investment of the City of Toppenish Monies in the Local Government Investment Pool.

Councilmember Duval moved, second by Councilmember Pettit to approve Resolution 2022-47. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion to Cancel the Regular Meeting on December 27, 2022.

Councilmember Duval moved, second by Councilmember Pettit to cancel the Regular Meeting on December 27, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Pettit reported his attendance at Toy Train Christmas at the railroad depot.

Councilmember Duval reported her attendance at Toy Train at the railroad depot. She thanked the volunteers and students making the event possible for the community.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez had nothing to report.

Mayor Saavedra reported she was a guest reader for students in the classes of Ms. Zuniga and Ms. Hernandez. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.


CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Zabell updated Council on the following:

- Fee schedule – cemetery updates
- City of Sunnyside agreement updates for municipal court services
- Staff virtually met with Governor Inslee’s staff on challenges facing the City
- Holiday lunch for employees
- Utility billing updates from ASD Jobe

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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