

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023

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, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit

Absent: Councilmember Juan Ceja

Staff: Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Ford (ACM/PWD Ford), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Chief of Police John Clary, Administrative Services Director Heather Jobe, Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess, Information Technology Services Manager Van Donley, 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 Belton, Duval, Garcia, and Pettit responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Ceja was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, second by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Councilmember Ceja from the January 23, 2023, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Duval moved, second by Councilmember Pettit to approve the January 23, 2023, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jose Martinez, 1012 Adams Avenue, Toppenish, spoke to the utility bill.

Arthur Bedolla, 205 North Elm Street, Toppenish, spoke to the delays with dispatch services when calling Sunnyside.

Montessa Santiago, 411 South Alder Street, Toppenish, spoke to the utility bill.

Hayde Godines-Velasco, 341 Germantown Road, Toppenish, spoke to the utility bill.

Sergio Nicolas, 11 South H Street, Toppenish, spoke to the utility bill.

Hugo Mungia, 528 North Date Street, Toppenish, spoke to the utility bill.

Maria Roybal, 22 South J Street, Toppenish, spoke to the utility bill.

Mayor Saavedra explained the process for public comment that Council does not respond to each person. She assured the people that staff will be in touch with them regarding their concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 9, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 36085 through 36097 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$192,111.40 dated January 20, 2023
- c. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 96535 and 96576 through 96664 and EFTAP321 in the total amount of \$862,407.25 dated December 31, 2022, for Period 13
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 96536 through 96575 and EFTAP322 in the total amount of \$99,296.48 dated January 23, 2023

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2023-01 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending and Enacting a new Section to Chapter 2.65 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for "Nonsufficient Funds – Debt Recovery" Provision; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, second by Councilmember Pettit to adopt Ordinance 2023-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2023-02 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending and Enacting a new Chapter 9.10 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for “Controlled Substances;” Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Councilmember Duval moved, second by Councilmember Belton to adopt Ordinance 2023-02. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-06: A Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition Thereof.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, second by Councilmember Pettit to approve Resolution 2023-06. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive Update on Water Meter Replacement Project.

ACM/PWD Ford introduced Justin Bellamy, engineer with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., Seth Rhoades and Matt Zellers with Mueller Systems LLC, who were present to provide the construction update for the Water Meter Replacement Project. PWS Burgess placed on the table a sample on the old meters that are being replaced throughout town. ACM/PWD Ford explained staff has had to do numerous replacements for meters that break due to age when they are uncovered, which is another unexpected delay for the replacement. Mr. Rhoades stated that the project is half complete with the replacement installation of 1,000 new water meters. Mr. Zellers placed on the table the new water meter and radio transmitter that will provide a more accurate monthly read. The new water meter has an anticipated 20-year life.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Duval reported her attendance at the meet and greet on January 19, 2023, for MultiCare Memorial Hospital leaders and the January 16, 2023, Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace March.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pettit had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez reported her attendance the January 16, 2023, 13th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace March. She complimented Mayor Saavedra as the keynote speaker and for sharing her story with the attendees at the event.

Mayor Saavedra reported that she was the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King, Jr. event.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

ACM/PWD Ford shared with Council CM Zabell provided her update with the agenda packet materials.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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