

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 26, 2021**

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

**REMOTE MEETING INSTRUCTIONS**

CC Riojas recited the remote meeting instructions for the record pursuant to Governor Inslee's Emergency Proclamation with the temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act during the COVID-19 Outbreak that prohibit all in-person public comments. In addition, she recited the instructions to attend the meeting in "listen only" mode by using the call-in phone number.

**ROLL CALL**

Remote Attendees: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Clara Jiménez.

Remote Staff: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell, Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC 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 remote attendance during roll call.

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve the April 26, 2021 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON APRIL 26, 2021**

CC Riojas noted the City received advance written public comment from Dahlia Sanchez, 209 Berger Lane, Toppenish. She read into the record the written letter from Ms. Sanchez regarding the unacceptable unpaved road conditions that cause an ongoing dust issue for the Berger Addition residents from Adams Avenue, Brooks Lane, and Berger Lane. In closing, Ms. Sanchez asked the City Council and City staff to work together to find a solution to fix the road conditions for the residents in the Berger Addition.

CM Hoyt stated that the unpaved streets in the City are located in the Berger Addition, Rentschler Lane, King Lane, and Idaho Avenue, which are all local access roads for the community and not eligible for Federal or State funding. He shared the process the City conducts for dust abatement on those unpaved streets. After discussion, Council directed CM Hoyt to include the unpaved streets on the next Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan, and to inquire if the impacted Berger Addition property owners will vote in favor of a Local Improvement District.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the April 19, 2021 Special Meeting
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35249 through 35261 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$233,590.22 dated April 21, 2021
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 93576 through 93645, EFTAP258 and EFTPstage4/2021 in the total amount of \$356,941.63 dated April 26, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Public Works Office and Vehicle Storage Buildings:**

#### **Award Bid to Concord Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,456,800.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to Award Bid to Concord Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,456,800 to Construct the new Public Works Office and Vehicle Storage Buildings. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2021-14: A Resolution Approving the Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Concord Construction, Inc to Construct a New Public Works Office and Vehicle Storage Buildings.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to approve Resolution 2021-14. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Duval shared the locations for community vaccination clinics for the upcoming next week in Sunnyside, Zillah, and Toppenish. She also encouraged feedback on ideas for reaching out to the minority groups for testing and vaccination.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia reported his participation today on the Police Chief Community Panel.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Jiménez had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Mayor Oaks had nothing to report.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Police Chief Recruitment
- Public Works Projects
- Caring efforts of City staff and Ruggles Auto in assisting a military veteran while he was in the community last week

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

  
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MARK OAKS, MAYOR

  
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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK