

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 27, 2020**

Mayor Pro Tem Thorington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Blaine Thorington and Councilmembers Loren Belton and Clara Jiménez.  
Remote Attendees: Councilmembers Naila Duval, George Garcia and Elpidia Saavedra.  
Absent: Mayor Mark Oaks.  
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, City Clerk Heidi Riojas and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.  
Remote Staff: Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace (PWS Wallace) and Chief of Police Curt Ruggles.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to excuse Mayor Oaks from the April 27, 2020 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve the April 27, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Consent Agenda items a and f:

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Accept Financial Reports and Quarterly Investment Reports.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 34925 through 34936 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$164,089.92 dated April 3, 2020 and void Check Number 34930.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 34937 through 34947 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$242,103.61 dated April 21, 2020.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 91785 through 91874 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$1,115,042.68 dated April 13, 2020 and void Check Number 91699.
- f. Approve Claims Checks Number 91875 through 91937 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$153,604.51 dated April 27, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 2020-12: A Resolution Proclaiming the First Extension of the Declaration of Emergency in the City of Toppenish, Washington due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19).**

CM Hoyt noted that the proposed Resolution is for the First Extension of the Declaration of Emergency due to COVID-19 until May 26, 2020, unless rescinded sooner or extended by Council.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2020-12. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-13: A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Suspension of Utility Late Fees through April 2020 During the COVID-19 Outbreak.**

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2020-13. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-14: A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Suspension of the May 26, 2020 Utility Shut Offs, During the COVID-19 Outbreak.**

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2020-14. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Payment Plan for Utility Customers Economically Impacted During the COVID-19 Outbreak.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to approve Resolution 2020-15. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor Pro Tem Thorington Read Ordinance 2020-06 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Section 6.08.020(G) of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Modify the Type of Livestock Authorized on the Rodeo Grounds Property; and Establishing an Effective Date.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to adopt Ordinance 2020-06. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-16: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Updating Building, Fire, Mechanical, and Plumbing Permit Fees.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve Resolution 2020-16. Motion carried. Councilmember Saavedra voted no.

**Resolution 2020-17: A Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 to Contract with Tapani, Inc. for the Sewer Improvements Project, Phase IV.**

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2020-17. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-18: A Resolution Approving Change Order No. 2 to Contract with Tapani, Inc. for the Sewer Improvements Project, Phase IV.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2020-18. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-19: A Resolution Approving Change Order No. 3 to Contract with Tapani, Inc. for the Sewer Improvements Project, Phase IV.**

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2020-19. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-20: A Resolution Approving Change Order No. 4 to Contract with Tapani, Inc. for the Sewer Improvements Project, Phase IV.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2020-20. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-21: A Resolution Approving General Agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for Professional Engineering and Surveying Service for New Public Works Buildings Utility Improvements.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to approve Resolution 2020-21. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-22: A Resolution Approving General Agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for Professional Engineering and Surveying Service for New Public Works Buildings.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to approve Resolution 2020-22. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Agenda for May 4, 2020 Study Session.**

It was the consensus of Council to receive an update on the design for the new Public Works Buildings during the May 4, 2020 Study Session.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia reported on his donation of blood and volunteering for the Granger School District.

Councilmember Duval had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Jiménez expressed her appreciation to James Cole for his service to the City and the youth since he will be retiring May 29, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Thorington had nothing to report.

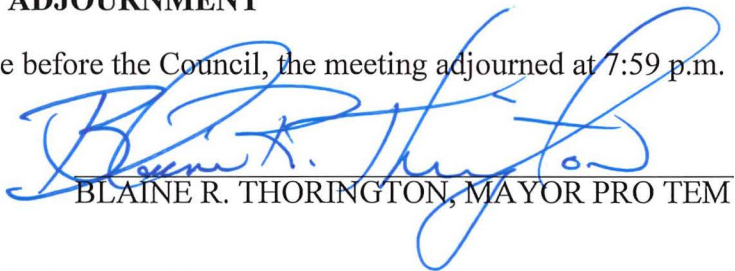
**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Mobile Food Bank by 2nd Harvest on April 29, 2020 in the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Parking Lot starting at 11:00 a.m. while supplies last
- Update on distribution of CARES Act Funding by the State

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



BLAINE R. THORINGTON, MAYOR PRO TEM



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