

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
April 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Thorington called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Blaine Thorington and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Gabriel Piñon and Angelica Walle.

Excused Absence: Mayor Clara Jiménez.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Finance Director Debbie Zabell (FD Zabell), Fire Chief Tim Smith, Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to excuse Mayor C. Jiménez from the April 3, 2017 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CEMETERY AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES.

FD Zabell updated Council on the results of the analysis of the cemetery and miscellaneous fees that were included with the agenda packet. The analysis included contacting the Cities of Grandview, Sunnyside, Selah, Yakima, Moxee and Naches. She noted that General City Services consist of services that are paid primarily from property, sales and utility taxes. FD Zabell reported that it is not feasible for some of the General City Services that consist of miscellaneous fees for Police, Fire, Finance and City Clerk to be set at full recoupment. FD Zabell reported that it has been several years since the City had increase the cemetery fees that includes the costs for the perpetual care fund. The recommendation from staff is to adopt the proposed the rate adjustments as shown in the fee analysis for Cemetery and Miscellaneous Fees.

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Walle to have staff prepare a new Fee Resolution for the April 10, 2017 Regular Meeting with the recommended rates for cemetery and miscellaneous fees. Motion carried unanimously.

BRIEF UPDATE ON SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

CM Hoyt updated Council that the City is in the process of submitting the USDA Rural Development application.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR