

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
August 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saavedra called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez and Councilmember Juan Ceja
Staff Present: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Assistant City Manager Dan Ford (ACM Ford), Chief of Police John Clary (CP Clary), Assistant to the Chief Linda Finley, Fire Chief Tim Smith, (FC Smith), Interim Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess (IPWS Burgess), Code Enforcement Officer Victor Shaul (CEO Shaul), City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), Deputy City Clerk Sabrina Renfrew, Police Officer Zackary Williams, Maintenance Technician Josh Groves, and Cable Television Manager Judy Devall

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Saavedra, and Councilmembers Belton, Duval, and Garcia responded their attendance during roll call. Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez and Councilmember Juan Ceja were not at the meeting.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez and Councilmember Ceja from the August 1, 2022 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

IPWS Burgess introduced new Maintenance Technician Joshua Groves, and CP Clary introduced new police officer Zackary Williams.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER ZACKARY WILLIAMS

CC Riojas administered the oath of office to Officer Williams.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the August 1, 2022 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION FROM YAKIMA VALLEY CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE REGIONAL CRIME CENTER

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director of Yakima Valley Conference of Governments gave a presentation on the Yakima Valley Regional Criminal Intelligence Center. Yakima County Commissioner LaDon Linde commented on the importance of cooperation between communities and the agencies which serve them. Selah Chief of Police Dan Christman and CP Clary also reported on the potential positive impact that the Center might have on Yakima Valley communities and agencies.

Commissioner Linde queried Council on its priorities for the grant funding applications submitted on behalf of the City for Yakima County ARPA funds. It was the consensus that the water main replacement project and the police cameras were its top priorities.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2022-13 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Enacting New Chapter 9.85 of the Toppenish Municipal Code Entitled "Graffiti Abatement," to Provide for Severability, and Establish an Effective Date.

CEO Shaul presented the proposed Ordinance, which provides for an alternative method of graffiti removal from properties with property owners signing up to participate in the Abatement Program to authorize the city to paint out graffiti on private property.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Ordinance 2022-13. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:05 Mayor Saavedra called for Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 30 minutes with potential action.

At 6:35 p.m. Mayor Saavedra reconvened the regular session back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK