

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2020

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mark Oaks, and Councilmembers Loren Belton and Clara Jiménez.

Remote Attendees: Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, Councilmembers Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, and George Garcia.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), and Cable Television Manager Judy Devall.

Remote Staff: City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell (ASD Zabell), Chief of Police Curt Ruggles, Fire Chief Tim Smith, and Deputy City Clerk Liliana Pearson.

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. All public comments received by 4:00 p.m. prior to the meeting will be read into the record during the public comment period.

ROLL CALL

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Oaks, and Councilmembers Belton, and Jiménez were present in the Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, Councilmembers Ceja, Duval, and Garcia remotely attended the meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the August 10, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 10, 2020

CC Riojas noted the City received no public comments by the 4:00 p.m. deadline prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the July 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the August 3, 2020 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35019 through 35031 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$ 178,423.83 dated August 5, 2020.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 92354 through 92414 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$1,053,036.37 dated August 10, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Agenda for September 8, 2020 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to discuss the 2021 Budget Calendar and receive an update on the Public Works Building during the September 8, 2020 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval encouraged the public to complete their 2020 census and wear a mask and maintain social distancing. In addition, she reported that the Food Bank has renamed the clothing division to Diane's Closet in honor and memory of Diane Sampson.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia expressed appreciation to the Yakama Nation representatives for the recent food distribution in the community.

Councilmember Jiménez had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Mayor Oaks had nothing to report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Confirmation from Dave Mercier for the City Manager Evaluation Schedule
- Lincoln Dayton Beech Update
- Sewer Improvements Update
- Visit with Transportation Improvement Board staff to review street projects
- BNSF Update
- Mask Up, and Maintain Social Distancing to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK



MARK OAKS, MAYOR