

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 24, 2020**

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. 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**

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, and Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace.

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 24, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

## ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 24, 2020

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve Consent Agenda items a and c:

- e. Approve Minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
- f. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35032 through 35042 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$229,864.45 dated August 20, 2020.
- g. Approve Claims Checks Number 92415 through 92474 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$417,233.43 dated August 24, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 2020-42: A Resolution Approving Change Order No. 7 to Contract with Tapani, Inc. for the Sewer Improvements Project, Phase IV.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to approve Resolution 2020-42. Motion carried unanimously.

## COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval had nothing to report.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Jiménez had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton reported on the positive comments he has received on the City's hanging flower baskets.

Mayor Oaks had nothing to report.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Yakima County COVID cases declining
- BNSF railroad repairs and detours scheduled to start August 31, 2020 through September 11, 2020
- Insurance settlement updates for new Public Works building
- BNSF easement update
- Safe Routes to School Projects
- City Manager Evaluation Schedule
- Resignation of Chief of Police Ruggles, recruitment process, and interim police chief
- Mask Up, 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 7:20 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK