

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2019

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor C. Jiménez, Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, Mark Oaks and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Elpidia Saavedra

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director Debbie Zabell (FD Zabell), Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, on behalf of Community Safety Network, reported on the success of the 2019 National Night Out with over 1,600 attendees on August 6, 2019.

Alex Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, reported a safety concern with the crosswalk on Fourth Avenue at the hospital entrance and the illegal activity that he is witnessing in Pioneer Park.

Eleanor Clark, 803 Adams Avenue, reported her concerns with the rumored \$8.5 million public works building and the financial impact with the increased fees to pay for the building. She further expressed her concerns of the impacts on the city due to the lack of police officers in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

- b. Approve Minutes of the August 14, 2019 Special Meeting.
- c. Receive July 2019 Financial Report.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 34671 through 34682 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$232,937.21 dated August 20, 2019.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 90530 through 90600 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$188,679.99 dated August 26, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-35: A Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between the Washington State Department of Commerce and the City of Toppenish, Washington for New Approaches Pilot Program.

CM Hoyt noted that the proposed resolution is to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington Department of Commerce for a community outreach pilot program starting in January 2020.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2019-35. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-36: A Resolution Approving Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Natural Selection Farms, Inc. for the Beneficial Use of Biosolids.

CM Hoyt noted that the proposed resolution is to approve an Agreement with Natural Selection Farms, Inc. for the beneficial use of biosolids generated at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2019-36. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Oaks nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton noted his recent ride along with a police officer, and his attendance at the August 24 City Council training.

Councilmember Thorington nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez noted his attendance at the August 24 City Council training.

Mayor C. Jiménez noted her attendance at the August 24 City Council training.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Expressed his appreciation to Council for attending the August 24 City Council training
- City Manager Evaluation Interviews scheduled for September 20 and 21, 2019
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Crossing repair update
- West First Avenue Sidewalk Project update
- Public Works Shop Update
- Attended the Washington City/County Management Association Conference in Kennewick from August 13 through August 16, 2019

- Attended a meeting with Senator Murray's representative
- Apprenticeship program for Water and Wastewater employees
- Attending Evergreen Rural Water of Washington Conference in Bremerton from August 27 through August 29, 2019
- Recruitment to fill open City positions in Police, Fire and Public Works Departments

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMENEZ, MAYOR