

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 14, 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. In addition, she recited the instructions to attend the meeting in "listen only" mode by using the call-in phone number.

ROLL CALL

Remote Attendees: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Clara Jiménez.

Remote Staff: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell, Interim Chief of Police Tim Bardwell (ICP Bardwell), Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), and Cable Television Manager Judy Devall.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to approve the December 14, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

a. Police Officer Derek Knight

ICP Bardwell commended Police Officer Derek Knight with his lifesaving efforts in administering Narcan to a 17-year-old male who was suffering from an opioid overdose. He noted that this was the fourth time that Officer Knight administered Narcan to unresponsive individuals since June 2020. IPC Bardwell noted that the Police Department is awarding Officer Knight with a lifesaving bar for his uniform. Council thanked Officer Knight for his dedication and service to the community.

b. Retired Recreation and Aquatics Manager James Cole

Mayor Oaks recited the distinguished service award displayed on the plaque remotely presented to James Cole for his service from April 1, 2008 through May 29, 2020. Council expressed their appreciation to him for his recreation and aquatics service for the youth and families in the community.

c. Retired City Councilmember Blaine Thorington

Mayor Oaks recited the distinguished service award displayed on the plaque remotely presented to Blaine Thorington for his service on the City Council from April 1, 2008 through May 29, 2020. Council expressed their appreciation to him for his long-lasting service to the community.

ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 14, 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 Garcia to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the December 7, 2020 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 35114 through 35124 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$163,425.18 dated December 11, 2020.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 92918 through 93033 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$314,773.20 dated December 14, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Oaks Read Ordinance 2020-15 into the Record: An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2019-14 for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt Ordinance 2020-15. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Oaks Read Ordinance 2020-16 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Section 13.16.050, and Adding New Sections 13.16.055 and 8.10.172 to Clarify the Surcharges for Utility Users Outside the City Limits.

Councilmember Ceja moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2020-16. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-57: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington Updating Fees for Annual Cemetery Adjustments.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2020-57. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-58: A Resolution Providing for an Interfund Loan from the General Fund to the Capital Street Fund and Repayment Thereof.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Resolution 2020-58. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-59: A Resolution Designating Official Newspaper.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Resolution 2020-59. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-60: A Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition Thereof.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Resolution 2020-60. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-61: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Declaring the Need for the Housing Authority of the City of Yakima to Operate Within the Boundaries of the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2020-61. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-62: A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Toppenish, City of Grandview, City of Moxee, City of Sunnyside and Yakima County for their

Respective Police Departments and Its Sheriff's Office to Share the Use and Costs of a Vehicle Equipped to Help Apprehend Car Thieves Which is Commonly Referred to as a Bait Car.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2020-62. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-63: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Teamsters Local Union No. 760 (Police Dispatch and Public Records Employees) for the Period January 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2023.

Councilmember Ceja moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Resolution 2020-63. Motion carried unanimously.

Declare the Lincoln Avenue, Dayton Avenue, and Beech Street Improvements Project Complete and Start the 60-Day Lien Process.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to Declare the Lincoln Avenue, Dayton Avenue, and Beech Street Improvements Project Complete and Start the 60-Day Lien Process. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion to Cancel the December 28, 2020 Regular Meeting

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to cancel the December 28, 2020 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the January 4, 2021 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to select the 2021 Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Member and Alternate and conduct a remote executive session with legal counsel regarding potential litigation during the January 4, 2021 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Jiménez reported her attendance at the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments General Membership meeting on December 9, 2020.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval reported that she is helping with the Sunday dinner meals for people at the Extreme Weather Shelter and shared her email for people to contact her if they can help.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Mayor Oaks had nothing to report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Extreme Weather Shelter
- Thanked Ideal Lumber of donating the LED lights for the Post Office Park tree and for Jody Milton and employees Barry Gatlin and Jim Allen for hanging the lights.
- Police Recruitments
- Complaints of the return of crows to the community

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC CITY CLERK


MARK OAKS, MAYOR