

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Minutes
December 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Oaks called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, the Toppenish City Council Chambers will not be open for the public to attend the meeting in person. 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 and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Clara Jiménez.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra.

Remote Staff: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell (ASD Zabell), 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 and Councilmembers Belton, Ceja, Duval, Garcia, and Jiménez remotely attended the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra was not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra from the December 7, 2020 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

CC Riojas recited the remote instructions that required members of the public wanting to express their opinions during the Public Hearing needed to email written comments by 2:00 p.m. on December 7, 2020 to be read by staff during the Public Hearing. In addition, she recited the instructions to remotely attend in “listen only” mode by using the call-in phone number.

Public Hearing Regarding 2021 Final Budget. Receive Staff Presentation and Public Comments on the 2021 Final Budget.

Mayor Oaks opened the public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

ASD Zabell reported that this is the final public hearing required by State Statute for the City to conduct for the 2021 Final Budget. For the benefit of the public, she noted that the Budget sets forth the complete financial program, showing expenditures proposed for each department and the sources of revenues to finance those expenditures. She further noted that Council received a balanced Budget without reducing essential public services and without personnel layoffs or furloughs.

CC Riojas noted the City received no comments for the public hearing by the 2:00 p.m. deadline prior to the meeting.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Oaks closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

Mayor Oaks Read Ordinance 2020-14 into the Record: An Ordinance Adopting the 2021 Budget for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt Ordinance 2020-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency Official Ballot

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to vote for Candidate Jose Trevino on the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency Official Ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

CM Hoyt noted that Yakima Valley Conference of Governments will hold a Zoom meeting on December 9, 2020 for the General Membership Meeting. He shared that the Extreme Weather Shelter will have 40 beds available starting December 14, 2020.

Councilmember Jiménez expressed her appreciation for the lighted parade that traveled throughout the community the evening of November 28, 2020.

Councilmember Belton thanked all the veterans and the service men for their service in honor of December 7, 2020 being the 79th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK