

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 9, 2019**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Acting Mayor Blaine Thorington and Councilmembers George Garcia, Loren Belton, Mark Oaks and Elpidia Saavedra.

Absent: Mayor Clara Jiménez.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell (ASD Zabell), City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, City Clerk Heidi Riojas and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to excuse Mayor Jiménez from the December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the December 2, 2019 Study Session.
- c. Resolution 2019-49, Approve Addendum No. 3 to Employment Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Lance Hoyt.
- d. Approve Updated Payroll Register Checks Numbers 34740 through 34756 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$159,499.23 dated November 7, 2019 and Void Check Number 34755.
- e. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 34775 through 34788 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$160,493.91 dated December 6, 2019.
- f. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 91117 through 91214 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$350,840.24 dated December 9, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing Regarding 2020 Final Budget. Receive Staff Presentation and Public Comments on the 2020 Final Budget.**

Acting Mayor Thorington opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

ASD Zabell reported that this is the final public hearing required by State Statute for the City to conduct for the 2020 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.

There being no comments from the public, Acting Mayor Thorington closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Acting Mayor Thorington Read Ordinance 2019-14 into the Record: An Ordinance Adopting the 2020 Budget for the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to adopt Ordinance 2019-14. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Acting Mayor Thorington Read Ordinance 2019-15 into the Record: An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2018-14 and Ordinance 2019-05 for the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Ordinance 2019-15. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Acting Mayor Thorington Read Ordinance 2019-16 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington to Repeal and Reenact a New Chapter 17.16 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for Zoning Conformance Review.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2019-16. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Acting Mayor Thorington Read Ordinance 2019-17 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington to Repeal and Reenact a New Chapter 17.56 of the Toppenish Municipal Code for Special Property Uses.**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to adopt Ordinance 2019-17. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Acting Mayor Thorington Read Ordinance 2019-18 into the Record: An Ordinance Establishing a Fund for the Library Fund, by Enacting a New Section 3.11.134 of the Toppenish Municipal Code.**

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to adopt Ordinance 2019-18. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2019-50: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Updating Cemetery Fees and Establishing New Fire Department Service Fees.**

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Resolution 2019-50. Motion carried unanimously.

**Submit Park Plan Update to Recreation Conservation Office for Review and Comment.**

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to authorize the City Manager to submit Park Plan Update to the Recreation Conservation Office for review and comment. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion to Cancel the December 23, 2019 Regular Meeting.**

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to cancel the December 23, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Agenda for the January 6, 2020 Study Session.**

It was the consensus to set the January 6, 2020 Study Session agenda to have the Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials, Select Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for 2020 and 2021, Council Seating, Boards and Commissions Appointments for 2020 and 2021, and Designate the Official Newspaper.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Oaks nothing to report.

Councilmember Saavedra noted the positive comments she received on the tree lighting and lighted parade on November 30, 2019.

Councilmember Belton thanked City staff for their work during the year and especially CM Hoyt for his success in obtaining funding for capital projects.

Councilmember Garcia expressed his appreciation to CM Hoyt for registering him for the AWC training in Yakima.

Acting Mayor Thorington nothing to report.


**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Walkability Action Team letter of support for Councilmember Belton to participate on team.
- AWC Elected Officials Essentials training December 7, 2019 in Yakima.
- West 1st Avenue Sidewalk Project Update
- Lincoln, Dayton, Beech Project Update

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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BLAINE R. THORINGTON, ACTING MAYOR



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