

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2017

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Gabriel Piñon, Blaine Thorington and Angelica Walle.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary M. Cuillier, Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM ANGIE LOPEZ REGARDING THE MONTHLY UTILITY BILL AND THE COST FOR KENNEL LICENSE FEES

Angie Lopez expressed her concern about the increased cost of the utility bill. Ms. Lopez suggested that the City consider reductions in other areas of services instead of a utility rate increase. Mayor C. Jiménez responded that the City Council is mindful of the impact on the rate increases on residents; however, the water, sewer and garbage funds are required to be self-supporting by the utility users. Each year the City has a rate analysis conducted to review each fund performance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, voiced his concerns on several areas regarding the wastewater treatment facility, the water towers with cell phone antennas, street cleaning and garbage services.

Robert Barks, 511 North Fir Street, Toppenish, expressed his frustrations regarding snow removal during the winter season and the condition of the streets.

Angie Lopez, 101 North Fir Street, commented on the cost of a kennel license fee and requested the City consider a discount for responsible dog owners.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the February 6, 2017 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33690 through 33707 and EFTPR822 through EFTPR829 in the total amount of \$166,378.40 dated February 3, 2017.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 85354 through 85470, EFTAP166 in the total amount of \$402,384.93 dated February 13, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor C. Jiménez read Ordinance 2017-01 into the record:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending, Adding and Repealing Certain Sections of the Toppenish Municipal Code Authorizing Fees in Order to Facilitate the Compilation of Fees into one Resolution; and Establishing an Effective Date.

CM Hoyt updated Council that the proposed Ordinance is to remove fees and charges from the Toppenish Municipal Code to establish a consolidated fee schedule into one Resolution that would be reviewed annually by Council for adjustment to be comparable with surrounding Cities.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2017-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2017-03:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Establishing a Consolidated Fee Schedule for Fees and Charges, to be Reviewed and Adopted Annually.

CM Hoyt updated Council that the proposed resolution is to create a consolidated fee schedule for the fees and charges that were removed from the Toppenish Municipal Code with the adoption of Ordinance 2017-01.

Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2017-03. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the March 6, 2017 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to review the fees for the recreation and aquatics department during the March 6, 2017 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember J. Jiménez expressed his regret for being unable to participate in a DRYVE booth during the Home Show.

Councilmember Ortloff reported that Yakama National Tribal Council is interested in meeting with the City Council. After discussion on the issue, CM Hoyt indicated that he would contact Tribal Chairman Goudy.

Mayor C. Jiménez reminded Council to complete their Personal Financial Affairs report with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15, 2017.

Councilmember Thorington inquired if the reporting on the 2017 Candidate Filing Questionnaire for the Yakima County Auditor needs to be revised regarding salaries and filing fees.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

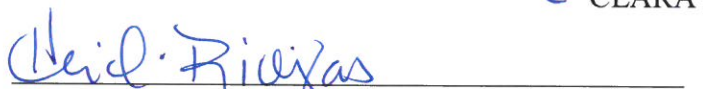
CM Hoyt reported on the following:

- Represented the State and the City at the National Rural Water Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. to encourage continued funding for training and technical assistance for water and wastewater professionals in rural communities with under 9,000 connections.
- DRYVE will be traveling to Olympia for legislative outreach to promote transportation funding opportunities for member communities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.


CLARA R. JIMENEZ, MAYOR


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK