

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2018

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez, Mayor Pro Tem J. Eligio Jiménez and Councilmembers Mark Oaks, Gabriel Piñon, Naila Prieto, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor and MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Santiago Briseno, 409 Zillah Avenue, Toppenish, spoke to his concerns for the safety of children in the schools and requested a greater police presence at the schools and on the busier streets during school hours; and suggested the City implement a curfew for children.

Alexander Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, spoke to his concern about the high school police cadet program; and requested the phone numbers of the Mayor and the City Attorney.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the February 15, 2018 Special Meeting.
- c. Approve Pay Estimate #7 to Apollo, Inc. in the amount of \$60,474.84 with retainage held in the amount of \$3,060.39 for the 2017 Sewer Improvements Project.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 34136 through 34149 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$216,840.45 dated February 23, 2018.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 87579 through 87644 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$246,212.25 dated February 26, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2018-08: A Resolution Approving Transportation Improvement Board Consultant Agreement with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of West Second Avenue - Phase 2, from Bolin Drive to Division Street.

CM Hoyt noted that proposed Resolution 2018-08 is to approve Transportation Improvement Board Consultant Agreement with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. for the Reconstruction of West Second Avenue - Phase 2, from Bolin Drive to Division Street.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Pinon to adopt Resolution 2018-08. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Saavedra spoke to the recent homicide and implored citizens to speak up if they had information about the crime.

Councilmember Prieto thanked the City Council for the warm welcome and looked forward to serving on the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez spoke to the recent homicide and encouraged citizens to remain watchful of crimes and report what they see.

Mayor C. Jiménez noted that all the council meetings are translated into Spanish for the viewing audience.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Noted Yakima Valley Conference of Governments will be providing a presentation at the March 5, 2018 Study Session as well as receiving an update about retrocession from Police Chief Ruggles and an update on the Public Works fire from Public Works Superintendent Wallace.
- Chaired DRYVE meeting on February 22, 2018 at the Zillah Community Center.
- Rattlesnake Hills landslide update, noting there was a 90-minute dirt fall that occurred on February 26, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


DEBBIE ZABELL, CMC
FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK


CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR