

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 22, 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, Elpidia Saavedra, Blaine Thorington and Angelia Walle.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alexander Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, voiced his concerns on budget issues, lack of street lighting in certain areas of town and City building maintenance.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a through f:

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Pay Estimate #6 to Apollo, Inc. in the amount of \$61,123.91 with retainage held in the amount of \$3,976.39 for the 2017 Sewer Improvements Project.
- c. Approve Pay Estimate #4 to Tapani, Inc. in the amount of \$54,631.32 with retainage held in the amount of \$2,787.31 for the Second Avenue Reconstruction – Phase 1.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 34092 through 34119 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$219,387.08 dated January 19, 2018 and void Checks Number 34094 through 34106.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 87311 through 87421 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$644,527.40 dated December 31, 2017 and void Checks Number 87237 and 87286.
- f. Approve Claims Checks Number 87422 through 87483 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$259,252.66 dated January 22, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### **Public Hearing Regarding Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2018 through 2023. Presentation by City Manager Lance Hoyt.**

Mayor C. Jiménez opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

CM Hoyt noted the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for years of 2018 through 2023. He further noted that the City has the opportunity to use State Transportation Block Grant Set Aside Program (STBG Set Aside) funding for the construction of the West First Avenue Sidewalk Project and to use State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) funding for the West First Avenue Resurfacing Project that were not included in the previously adopted plan, but in order for the City to receive the funds it is necessary to amend the plan to include the STBG Set Aside funding and the TIB funding for the West First Avenue Sidewalk Project and for the West First Avenue Resurfacing Project.

Alexander Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, inquired why there are no sidewalks and curbs on I Street and J Street.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor C. Jiménez closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Resolution 2018-03: A Resolution Amending the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2018 Through 2023.**

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2018-03. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2018-04: A Resolution Approving Technical Assistance Contract Between the City of Toppenish and Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for Certain Technical Planning Assistance.**

CM Hoyt noted that proposed Resolution 2018-04 is to approve the one-year Technical Assistance Contract with Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for certain technical planning assistance.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to adopt Resolution 2018-04. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2018-05: A Resolution Approving Agreement with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services.**

CM Hoyt noted that proposed Resolution 2018-05 is to approve the Agreement with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to adopt Resolution 2018-05. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2018-06: A Resolution Approving Agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services.**

CM Hoyt noted that proposed Resolution 2018-06 is to approve the Agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services.

Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2018-06. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Thorington noted that he attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Peace March on January 15, 2018.

Councilmember Walle announced her resignation from the City Council because she is moving outside of City limits.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez thanked Mayor C. Jiménez, CM Hoyt, the Fire, Public Works and Police departments for their partnership with the success of the MLK Peace March.

Mayor C. Jiménez noted that she attended the MLK Peace March and how impressed she was with the students that performed for the event. She reported that she attended the YVCOG General Membership in Selah on January 17, 2018.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- MLK Peace March
- Legislature adopted the Capital Budget and passed an agreement for the *Hirst* decision.
- Department of Ecology grant and loan for sewer line rehabilitation.
- Remote testimony at the request of Senator Honeyford, along with Heritage University President on January 16, 2018 for Senate Bill 6121 to allow specific exemption for growth management for higher education.
- Council vacancy announcement published in *Daily Sun News* for two weeks and noted on the next utility bill in English and Spanish. The deadline will be 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2018. A Special Meeting called for 6:00 p.m. on February 12, 2018 to interview applicants, hold executive session, and during open session select new Councilmember prior to the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMO  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMENEZ, MAYOR