

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2022

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

MASK GUIDELINES

CC Riojas recited the City of Toppenish Mask Guidelines to direct masks are required for all individuals.

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, and George Garcia
Absent: Councilmember Juan Ceja
Staff: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Chief of Police John Clary, Public Works Supervisor Shaun Burgess, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), Deputy City Clerk Sabrina Renfrew, and Cable Television Manager Judy Devall

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez, and Councilmembers Belton, Duval and Garcia responded their attendance during roll call.

Councilmember Garcia moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to excuse Councilmember Ceja from attending the January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the January 24, 2022 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, asked that a crosswalk be placed between the hospital and parking lot to accommodate homeless and non-citizens.

Marlene Kelly, 719 W. 3rd Avenue, #A-2, expressed appreciation for Fire Department response in October 2021, but still has concerns about assistance for affected family.

LaDon Linde, 2510 Maple Grove Road, Sunnyside, introduced himself as County Commissioner due to redrawing of District boundaries and commented on application for ARPA funds.

James L. Davenport, 2105 Carey Street, Union Gap, commented on use of parking lot at church (101 S. E Street) for funeral viewing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35528 through 35541 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$249,249.00 dated January 21, 2022
- c. Approve Claims Checks Number 94927 through 94969 in the total amount of \$65,573.99 dated January 24, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Declare the Sewer Improvements Phase IV Complete and Start the 60-Day Lien Process.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to Declare the Sewer Improvements Phase IV Complete and Start the 60-day Lien Process. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-01: A Resolution Approving Grant Agreement Between the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Toppenish for Funding in the Amount of \$1,386,360 for the Jackson Street and Juniper Street Reconstruction Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2022-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-02: A Resolution Approving General Agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for the Jackson Street and Juniper Street Reconstruction.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2022-02. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-03: A Resolution Approving Change Order No. 4 to Contract with Concord Construction, Inc. for the Public Works Buildings Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2022-03. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2022-01 into the Record for the Second Public Reading: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Granting to Yakima MSA Limited Partnership, a Delaware Limited Partnership, and Its Successors and Assigns, the Right, Privilege, Authority and Non-Exclusive Franchise for Ten (10) Years, to Construct, Maintain, Operate, Replace and Repair a Telecommunications Network in, Across, Over, Along, Under, Through and Below Certain Designated Public Rights-Of-Way of the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-01. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia expressed appreciation for the involvement by City staff in the well-organized MLK Peace Drive.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez reported that the MLK Peace Drive was well attended, including representation by Public Works, Police and Fire. She recognized Public Works for their graffiti removal and made a plea for citizens to paint over graffiti as soon as possible.

Mayor Saavedra also thanked the Police Department and Chief Clary for help with the MLK Peace Drive and Public Works work on the graffiti. She encouraged parents to advocate for kids, to be aware of their whereabouts and teach them pride in their community.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Study session agenda for February 7
- Graffiti eradication
- Community Safety Network (CSN) spring clean-up in April
- Code enforcement update
- Sewer Phase II
- Cemetery annexation – gate and camera progress
- Railroad Depot Roof update
- Flag Display Guidelines to be presented by Fire Chief Smith on February 7
- Extreme weather shelter update
- City Action Days – online on January 27
- Mayor attended Jurassic Parliamentary Training

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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