

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 11, 2022**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Kyle Pettit  
Absent: Councilmember Juan Ceja  
Staff: City Manager Debbie Zabell (CM Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Chief of Police John Clary (CP Clary), Interim Public Works Superintendent Shaun Burgess (IPWS Burgess), City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), 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, Garcia, and Pettit responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Ceja was not present at the meeting.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the July 11, 2022 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 27, 2022
- b. Approve Special Meeting Minutes dated July 7, 2022
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35776 through 35810 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$209,763.53 dated July 7, 2022
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 35774 through 35775 and 95615 through 95676, and EFTAP298-EFTAP299 in the total amount of \$177,796.28 dated July 11, 2022

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Award Bid to DW Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$2,916,712.80 for Phase II Sewer Improvements Project.**

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Pettit to award bid to DW Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$2,916,712.80 for Phase II Sewer Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2022-33: A Resolution Approving Change Order No. 3 to Contract with DW Excavating, Inc. for the Sewer Improvements Project, Phase III.**

Councilmember Pettit moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2022-33. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2022-34: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington Updating Master Fee Schedules A and B.**

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2022-34. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Updated Site Locations for Police Department at Pioneer Park.**

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve locating the temporary police portables to the west side of the Fire Department and locating the permanent police structure to the east side of the Visitor's Center, at Pioneer Park. Motion carried unanimously.

**Receive Park Maintenance Update.**

IPWS Burgess updated Council on the daily health concerns for the public and the repeated vandalism to park equipment at Pioneer Park. He stated in order to mitigate the public health safety and concerns there will be no available restrooms, drinking fountains, basketball hoops, and picnic tables at Pioneer Park.

**Set Agenda for August 1, 2022, Study Session.**

It was the consensus of Council to set the agenda for the August 1, 2022, Study Session to consist of a discussion on tourism funds for next year.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Garcia reported his attendance at the rodeo on July 1, 2022, and the Lions Club breakfast and community parade on July 2, 2022.

Councilmember Duval had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez reported her attendance at the AWC Annual Conference and the Wild West Parade.

Councilmember Belton thanked the Toppenish Rodeo, the Chamber of Commerce, and City employees for contributing to the successes of the community events over the Fourth July weekend.

Mayor Saavedra had nothing to report.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

CM Zabell updated Council on the following:

- Public Works crew delivered extra picnic tables for the Lions Club breakfast at Post Office Park on July 2, 2022
- Staff assisted in setup and participated in the Wild West Parade on July 2, 2022
- National Night Out at Pool Park on August 3, 2022
- Capital Projects: Train Depot, Phase II Sewer Improvements, Phase III Sewer Improvements, and the Public Works building

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



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ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR



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