

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021

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

UPDATED MASK GUIDELINES

CC Riojas recited the City of Toppenish Updated Mask Guidelines to direct masks are required for unvaccinated and partially vaccinated individuals, and optional for fully vaccinated individuals.

ROLL CALL

- Attendees: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Clara Jiménez.
- Absent: Councilmember Juan Ceja.
- Staff: City Manager Lance Hoyt, City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Interim Chief of Police Tim Bardwell (ICP Bardwell), Police Captain Dave Johnson, Police Sergeant Oscar Martinez, Police Officer Ryan Castaneda, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), Permit Coordinator Victor Shaul (PC Shaul), 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 Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmembers Belton, Duval, Garcia, and Jiménez responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Ceja received an unexcused absence.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to approve the July 12, 2021 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

ICP Bardwell commended the lifesaving efforts of Police Sergeant Oscar Martinez, Police Officer Ryan Castaneda, and Police Officer Lizabeth Sifuentes for each of them administering Narcan to people experiencing drug overdoses. Officer Sifuentes saved the life of a 22-year-old male on April 7, 2021. Officer Castaneda saved the life of a 37-year-old female on June 7, 2021. Sergeant Martinez saved the life of a 15-year-old male on June 20, 2021. IPC Bardwell noted that the Police Department is awarding each of them with a lifesaving bar for their uniforms. Council thanked Sergeant Martinez and Officer Castaneda for their dedication and service to the community. Officer Sifuentes was not available to attend the meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

ICP Bardwell updated Council on the recent legislation that will be effective July 25, 2021. The 2021 legislative session adopted major police reform with the laws established with House Bill 1054, House Bill 1310, Senate Bill 5066, Senate Bill 5476, Senate Bill 5249 to address the impacts of State v. Blake, along with tactics used by police for the degree of force by an officer and factors for officers to consider before using force. ICP Bardwell noted that he and other agencies are working together on procedures for implementing and training officers prior to the effective date.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
- c. Approve Minutes of the June 29, 2021 Special Meeting
- d. Approve Minutes of the July 6, 2021 Study Session
- e. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35308 through 35320 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$167,233.32 dated July 8, 2021
- f. Approve Claims Checks Number 93937 through 94006 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$364,734.76 dated July 12, 2021

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Oaks Read Ordinance 2021-05 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington to Amend Sections 13.48.040, 13.48.050, and 13.48.060 of the Toppenish Municipal Code Concerning Penalties and Violations of the City's Sewer Code.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2021-05. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-21: A Resolution Establishing a Utility Customer Relief Grant Program for Individuals Experiencing Economic Hardship due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to approve Resolution 2021-21. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-22: A Resolution Approving Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Toppenish, Washington, and Washington State Department of Transportation, Through Its Central Sign Shop for the Purchase of Signs.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2021-21. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the August 2, 2021 Study Session.

It was the consensus Council to start discussing the 2022 Budget and proposed updates for the Governance Manual during the August 2, 2021 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval reported her participation in the AWC Virtual Annual Conference, the Toppenish Food Bank will host as a vaccination site on July 15, 2021, and Dr. Neil Barg has been selected to serve as the new Yakima Health District Officer.

Councilmember Garcia reported his participation in the AWC Virtual Annual Conference, and that he drove the firetruck "Ole Suzie" for the Wild West Parade on July 3, 2021.

Councilmember Jiménez reported her attendance at the Wild West Parade on July 3, 2021.

Mayor Oaks thanked the community and the surrounding communities for supporting the Toppenish Rodeo on Friday, July 2, 2021 and Saturday, July 3, 2021.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt reported on the following:

- Yakima Valley Conference of Governments and Department of Commerce survey results
- Yakima County HOME Consortium

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK