

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Spec Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2019

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, Mark Oaks, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Mayor Clara Jiménez.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell, Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace, Accounting Manager Jamison Horner, Police Officer Josh Rosenow, Police Officer Marcus Weible, Police Officer Derek Knight, Police Dispatcher Gloria Fry, Police Dispatcher Jessica Dagdagan and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to excuse Mayor C. Jiménez from the July 15, 2019 Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Martin Chaw, Project Manager with FCS Group presented Council with the funding options for the proposed Public Works Shop Building. He noted the meeting objectives were to present the proposed costs to build a new shop building, the options for funding the costs associated with building a new shop building, and to receive direction from Council on its preferred option. Mr. Chaw stated that the current site consists of 2.5 acres and the proposed site is 10 acres of farmland/industrial land. He further discussed the funding options to pay for the estimated \$5.5 to \$7.5 million shop building for 12 full-time employees, to include using the insurance proceeds, the utility fund reserves, and 1. increasing property taxes, or 2. increasing utility taxes on all utilities (phone, gas electricity, water, sewer, and garbage) or 3. increasing utility taxes on the City's utilities (water, sewer, and garbage). Mr. Chaw presented amortization options for 20-year and 40-year loans with USDA Rural Communities program for the estimated \$5.5 to \$7.5 million cost of the building.

After discussion, Council stated it preferred the 40-year loan option, with a stipulation that any and all proceeds sale proceeds from either the current site or potential future subdivision lots to be repaid on the outstanding principal balance on the USDA loan to reduce the life of the loan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the special meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



ELIGIO JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR PRO TEM