

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2019

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 Loren Belton, Naila Duval, Mark Oaks, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director Debbie Zabell (FD Zabell), Chief of Police Curt Ruggles, Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace, Police Officer Marcus Weible, Police Officer Chris Perry, Police Dispatcher Gloria Fry, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor C. Jiménez recited the Proclamation declaring Tuesday, August 6, 2019 as the “National Night Out” in the City of Toppenish and encouraged the public to participate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Fry, 707 Madison Avenue, Toppenish, expressed her concern for the lack of support for the police department and the continual turn over in police officers. She stated that the police department is a vital service for the community and public safety for the people. Mrs. Fry encouraged Council to support the police department in the same manner it supports other City departments.

Marcus Weible, Toppenish Police Officer, inquired why Council is not rebuilding the same type of public works building that was burned down. He stated that he and the other officers are out in the community and they see the needs of the residents, who are unable to currently afford their utility bills, let alone an increase in order to pay for a new public works building.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the July 8, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the July 15, 2019 Special Meeting.
- c. Receive June 2019 Financial Report.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 34643 through 34657 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$235,292.34 dated July 18, 2019.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 90352 through 90419 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$214,568.39 dated July 22, 2019 and void Check Number NR90255.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-28: Approving the Public Works Shop Building Funding Strategy and Authorizing the City Manager to Implement this Strategy.

CM Hoyt updated Council on the proposed resolution to approve the rebuilding and expansion of the new public works shop facility. He summarized the three options that include 1. Rebuilding a

similar sized building on the existing site, 2. Demolishing all buildings on the existing site and rebuilding a larger building, and 3. Purchasing and developing a new site to accommodate a larger building. The Council expressed their concerns that it appears that the City is proposing to rebuild something the City is unable to afford. CM Hoyt responded that the proposed resolution is to continue the process to assure the insurance company that the City is moving forward with rebuilding, in order for the City to be granted an extension of the two-year timeline as to lose the remaining insurance proceeds because the building has not been rebuilt within the required two-year time frame.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to adopt Resolution 2019-28. Motion carried with five yes votes and two no votes. Mayor C. Jiménez and Councilmember Duval voted no.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Oaks had nothing to report.

Councilmember Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Thorington had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval reported that she went on another Police ride-along and encouraged CM Hoyt and her fellow councilmembers to go on a ride-along. She suggested that Council discuss the state of the Police Department during a Study Session.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez invited the community to attend the National Night Out on August 6, 2019 at pool park.

Mayor C. Jiménez had nothing to report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

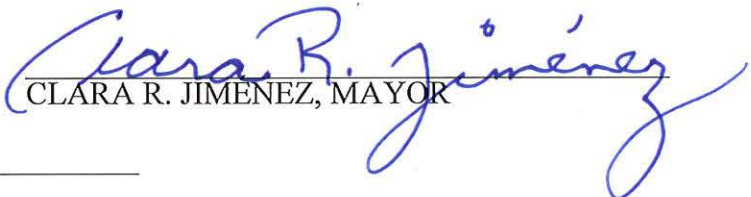
- Governance Manual will be discussed during the August 5, 2019 Study Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR