

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 27, 2020**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Mark Oaks, and Councilmembers Loren Belton and Clara Jiménez.  
Remote Attendees: Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, Councilmembers Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, and George Garcia.  
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), and City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas).  
Remote Staff: City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell (ASD Zabell), Chief of Police Curt Ruggles, and Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace.

**REMOTE MEETING INSTRUCTIONS**

CC Riojas recited the remote meeting instructions for the record pursuant to Governor Inslee's Emergency Proclamation with the temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act during the COVID-19 Outbreak that prohibit all in-person public comments. All public comments received by 4:00 p.m. prior to the meeting will be read into the record during the public comment period.

**ROLL CALL**

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Oaks, and Councilmembers Belton, and Jiménez were present in the Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, Councilmembers Ceja, Duval, and Garcia remotely attended the meeting.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to approve the July 27, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON JULY 27, 2020**

CC Riojas noted the City received no public comments by the 4:00 p.m. deadline prior to the meeting.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Oaks recited the Proclamation Mayor Oaks recited the Proclamation to proclaim July 29, 2020 as Scout Me In Day in the City of Toppenish to celebrate the achievements and community service of the Local Scouting with the Grand Columbia Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Central Washington.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35006 through 35018 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$244,232.29 dated July 21, 2020.
- c. Approve Claims Checks Number 92302 through 92353 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$249,667.16 dated July 27, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC HEARING

**Public Hearing Regarding Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2020 through 2025. Presentation by City Manager Lance Hoyt.**

Mayor Oaks opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

CM Hoyt noted the public hearing was required to Amend the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for years of 2020 through 2025. He stated the purpose for the Amendment is to add the Train Depot Roof Rehabilitation Project which the City has been awarded 2020 YVCOG Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-aside Program Funding in the amount of \$355,000.00 for the project.

CC Riojas noted the City received no public comments by the 4:00 p.m. deadline prior to the meeting.

There being comments from the public, Mayor Oaks closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 2020-40: A Resolution Amending the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the Years 2020 Through 2025.**

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Resolution 2020-40. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-41: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Accepting Settlement Agreements and Releases With the Six Insurance Companies for the Replacement of the Public Works Building at 8 Buena Way, Toppenish, Washington Destroyed by a Fire on August 23, 2017.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to adopt Resolution 2020-41. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor Oaks Read Ordinance 2020-08 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington Amending Subsection 13.02.030(A) of the Toppenish Municipal Code To Establish Cross-Connection Permit Requirements and Establishing an Effective Date.**

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Ceja to adopt Ordinance 2020-08. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor Oaks Read Ordinance 2020-09 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington Amending Section 13.28.050 of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Allow for Sewer Services in the Floodplain for new Construction that is Built to be Flood Resistant, and Establishing an Effective Date.**

Councilmember Ceja moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to adopt Ordinance 2020-09. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval encouraged the public to complete the 2020 Census by going to [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov).

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Jiménez had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Mayor Oaks reported on the emergency response program offered by the Peacekeeper Society to provide aid during the COVID-19 crisis with distributions on to communities on the Yakama Reservation.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Fire Department and Police Department staff distributing face masks
- Mask Up in public, curb social gathering, and maintain social distancing
- Updates on the progress for repairs, easements, and lease renewals with BNSF
- Lincoln, Dayton, Beech Street Project Updates
- Sewer Improvements Project Updates
- Participation in the COVID-19 reopening planning meetings with Yakima County officials

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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MARK OAKS, MAYOR

  
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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK