

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 8, 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 (PC Ruggles), Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the June 24, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as corrected.
- b. Approve Minutes of the July 1, 2019 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 34624 through 34642 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$202,657.28 dated July 3, 2019.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 90278 through 90351 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$184,944.34 dated July 8, 2019 and void Checks Numbers NR89810, NR90200 and NR90208.

Councilmember Thorington noted a correction for the June 24, 2019 Regular Council Minutes to show that he was absent from the meeting. EA Riojas corrected the original minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-27: Memorandum of Agreement with Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

PC Ruggles noted that the proposed Resolution is to authorize the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for reimbursement of police officer overtime costs working on collaboration with the ATF Task Force.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2019-27. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Shop Facility Update

CM Hoyt updated Council on the status of the new public works shop facility. He noted that Council received a copy of proposed map options for building design. The first option is to replace the building that was lost in fire in the same location and the second option is to build in the same location with a larger building. The discussion for the third option be in Executive Session.

A Special Meeting will be held on July 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss funding options for the proposed new public works shop facility.

Set Agenda for the August 5, 2019 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to continue discussion on the Governance Manual during the August 5, 2019 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Oaks reported that the Toppenish Rodeo had great attendance on July 5, 2019 and July 6, 2019. He thanked the community and City staff for supporting the Toppenish Rodeo.

Councilmember Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton reported that he announced the Wild West Parade on July 6, 2019.

Councilmember Thorington reported his attendance at the Wild West Parade on July 6, 2019.

Councilmember Duval reported her attendance at the Wild West Parade on July 6, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez reported his attendance at the Wild West Parade on July 6, 2019.

Mayor C. Jiménez reported her attendance at the AWC Annual Conference on June 25, 2019 through June 28, 2019 in Spokane.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Attended the AWC Annual Conference on June 25, 2019 through June 28, 2019 in Spokane.
- Council training will be August 24, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the Council Chambers.
- Update on fire department response calls caused by fireworks
- Update on the railroad crossing repair by BNSF
- Noted the downtown decorative LED lights needing replacement and follow up with vendor since the lights are not lasting as long previously quoted.
- Noted I-1648 failed to get the required signatures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:42 p.m. Mayor C. Jiménez called for an Executive Session for City Council to discuss a real estate matter with legal counsel and staff pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(b). The approximate time for the Executive Session is 20 minutes with action anticipated.

At 8:02 p.m. Mayor C. Jiménez noted the Council will need an additional 10 minutes in Executive Session.

Mayor C. Jiménez called the regular session back to order at 8:12 p.m. at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez to authorize the City Manager to sign a letter of engagement to authorize GPA Valuation to proceed with an appraisal of 10 acres of farmland/industrial land in Toppenish at the cost of \$7,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR