

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 12, 2017**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Mark Oaks, Gabriel Piñon, Blaine Thorington and Angelica Walle.

Absent: Councilmember Derald Ortloff.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Police Chief Curt Ruggles, Court Administrator Becky Piña, Court Clerk Vicki Alvarado, Corrections Officer Gloria Rosales, Corrections Officer Mario Gonzalez, Police Dispatcher Kristie Wane, Police Sergeant Sandra Shah, Police Officer Cody Quantrell, Police Officer Chris Perry, Police Officer Kyle Cameron, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to excuse Councilmember Ortloff from the June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, of Community Safety Network (CSN) updated Council that National Night Out will be celebrated in the community on August 3, 2017 at the swimming pool and park. Ms. Sampson thanked Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic,

Yakima Housing Authority and the City for partnering together to bring the event back to the community. The CSN Fall Clean-up is set for September 23, 2017.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the May 22, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the June 5, 2017 Study Session.
- c. Receive May 2017 Budget Report.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33823 through 33837 and EFTPR884 through EFTPR890 in the total amount of \$170,751.83 dated June 5, 2017.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 86048 through 86161 in the total amount of \$187,496.55 dated June 12, 2017 and void Check Numbers 86050 through 86068.

Motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Hoyt (CM Hoyt) updated the Council on the extensive work he and staff have conducted over the past year regarding the increasing costs and declining revenues to sustain the corrections and court services with City employees. CM Hoyt stated that proposed Resolution 2017-11 and Resolution 2017-12 are to authorize the City Manager to negotiate Interlocal Agreements with the City of Sunnyside for the Housing of Inmates and for Municipal Court Services.

CM Hoyt noted that in 2016 a new generator was installed at the police department building requiring electrical permits and inspection. The City received notification from the Department of Labor and Industries (L & I) that the building was not in compliance with the State's Electrical Code due to the building's occupancy designation as Institution for the housing of inmates. He further noted that discussions with L & I have determined that the minimum estimated cost for known upgrades is \$250,000, and that there may be additional upgrades needed depending on further inspections. In closing, CM Hoyt noted that the known and unknown infrastructure improvements required in the future, along with the continued general fund subsidy for the City to continue to provide City jail and court services is unsustainable.

#### **Resolution 2017-11:**

**A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside for the Housing of Inmates.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2017-11. Motion carried. Councilmembers Piñon and Walle voted no.

#### **Resolution 2017-12:**

**A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside for Municipal Court Services.**

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2017-12. Motion carried. Councilmembers Piñon and Walle voted no.

#### **Resolution 2017-13:**

**A Resolution Approving Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement Between the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Toppenish in the Amount of \$50,000 for the Emergency Pavement Repair Program.**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to adopt Resolution 2017-13. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Brief Update on the Sewer Collection System Improvements.**

CM Hoyt noted that the City is in the process of completing the USDA Rural Development loan application and the environmental reports.

### **Set Agenda for July 3, 2017 Study Session.**

Councilmember Piñon moved, seconded by Councilmember Walle to cancel the July 3, 2017 Study Session, unless something comes up. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Walle thanked Washington Beef for hosting the free swim day on June 15, 2017 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember J. Jiménez thanked the City for bringing back National Night Out to the swimming pool on August 3, 2017.

Councilmember Piñon thanked Councilmember Oaks for driving Old Suzy for the Treaty Days Parade on June 8, 2017.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Hoyt thanked the Yakama Nation Legends Casino for the 2% and 1% awards for the following:

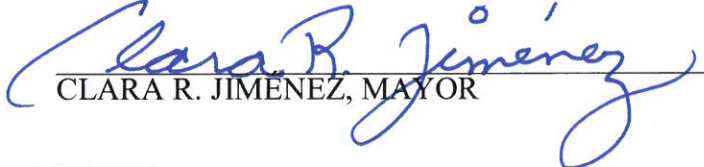
- 2% award of \$35,000 for the Police Department toward the purchase of a new vehicle.
- 2% award of \$150,000 for the Public Works Department to purchase a used vector truck.
- 1% award of \$2,500 for Recreation and Aquatics Department to purchase training platforms for the shallow end of the pool.

Police Chief Ruggles introduced Corrections Officers Gloria Rosales and Mario Gonzalez, Police Dispatcher Kristie Wane, Police Sergeant Sandra Shah and Police Officers Cody Quantrell, Chris Perry and Kyle Cameron.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

  
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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

  
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CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR