

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2021

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

UPDATED MASK GUIDELINES

CC Riojas recited the City of Toppenish Updated Mask Guidelines to direct masks are required for unvaccinated and partially vaccinated individuals, and optional for fully vaccinated individuals.

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Clara Jiménez.
Absent: Councilmember Juan Ceja.
Staff: Administrative Services Director Debbie Zbell (ASD Zbell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace (PWS Wallace), City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), and Cable Television Manager Judy Devall (CATV Devall).

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmembers Belton, Duval, Garcia, and Jiménez responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Ceja was absent from the meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to approve the June 14, 2021 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the May 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the June 7, 2021 Study Session
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35285 through 35296 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$195,557.60 dated June 2, 2021
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 93793 through 93872 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$212,745.55 dated June 14, 2021 and void Electronic Transfer NREFTAP258

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Regarding Adopting Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2022 through 2027: Presentation by Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace

Mayor Oaks opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

PWS Wallace noted the public hearing was required for adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for years of 2022 through 2027. He discussed the 12 proposed projects that include: Jackson Street Extension Improvements, South Juniper Street and Jackson Street Improvements, the Mural Attraction Sidewalk Improvements, Asotin Avenue Improvements, South Toppenish Avenue Improvements, Idaho Street Extension, Fourth Avenue Reconstruction, King Lane Improvements, Fire Station Improvements, Police Station Improvements, Berger Lane, Adams Avenue, and Brooks Lane Roadway Improvements.

John Cerna, 510 South Juniper Street, and as the Toppenish School District Superintendent recited the letter he sent to Permit Services Coordinator Shaul documenting several reasons the District opposes the current design for the Jackson Street Extension to Ward Road. He noted previous safety concerns shared with City staff recommending the closure of the ramp off Highway 97 onto Ward Road. In addition, Mr. Cerna stated the participation of the Yakama Nation, as the adjoining property owner, in donating 15 feet of right of way on the South side of the proposed project. Without fulfilling the noted items for the safety of the students, parents, visitors, and staff, the District will not support the proposed project.

There being comments no further comment from the public, Mayor Oaks closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-19: A Resolution Adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2022 through 2027.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Resolution 2021-19. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-20: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington Updating Fee Schedules A And B.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt Resolution 2021-20. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the July 6, 2021 Study Session.

ASD Zabell reported that the Office of Financial Management notified the City of its eligibility to receive Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City is forecasted to receive a total of \$2,459,014.00 over the next two years. During the discussion, Council inquired if funding for the swimming pool and recreation are eligible uses

of ARPA funds. ASD Zabell responded staff will look into the eligible ARPA uses and present proposed projects for Council to discuss and consider during the July 6, 2021 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval encouraged the public to first call the Police Department to report theft, graffiti, and other public safety concerns. She also noted that a vaccination clinic will be available at Post Office Park in the afternoon on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Jiménez had nothing to report.

Mayor Oaks announced the upcoming Fourth of July weekend activities on Friday, July 2, 2021 and Saturday, July 3, 2021 to include the Toppenish Rodeo in the evenings on Friday and Saturday, and also in the morning on Saturday the Lions Club Breakfast will be available in Post Office Park and followed with the Chamber's Wild West Parade in the downtown.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

ASD Zabell had nothing to report on behalf of City Manager Hoyt.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



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