

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 25, 2018**

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem J. Eligio Jiménez and Councilmembers Mark Oaks, Gabriel Piñon and Naila Prieto.

Absent: Mayor Clara Jiménez, Councilmember Elpidia Saavedra and Councilmember Blaine Thorington.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell (FD Zabell), Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Piñon moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto to excuse Mayor C. Jiménez, Councilmember Elpidia Saavedra and Councilmember Blaine Thorington from the June 25, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Mottice introduced himself noting he was a candidate for Yakima County Sheriff.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Piñon moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the June 11, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Receive January 2018 through May 2018 Finance Monthly Reports.
- c. Pay Estimate #2 to Premier Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$204,527.87 with retainage held in the amount of \$10,133.70 for the Second Avenue Reconstruction – Phase 2 Project and First Avenue Water Improvements Project.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 34251 through 34265 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$225,948.91 dated June 22, 2018.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 88224 through 88299 and electronic transfer in the total amount of \$387,868.33 dated June 25, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Resolution 2018-22: Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Lance Hoyt.**

FD Zabell noted that the proposed Resolution was for Amendment No. 1 to extend the City Manager's Employment Agreement to October 31, 2018 and replacing the automatic 3% salary adjustment language so that any adjustment is at the discretion of the City Council. FD Zabell further updated that Amendment No. 2 will be presented to Council after the evaluation process on September 8, 2018 and September 10, 2018. FD Zabell also noted that Council will have a two-hour Executive Session during a Special Meeting on September 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of evaluating the City Manager.

Councilmember Prieto moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2018-22. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2018-23: A Resolution Approving Public Sector Service Agreement Between Yakima County Development Association and the City of Toppenish, Washington Relating to Economic Development Programming for the Yakima County Area.**

CM Hoyt noted that the proposed Resolution was for the purpose of approving an agreement with Yakima County Development Association for economic development programming services for the years 2019 through 2023 at the rate of \$2,000.00 per year during the five-year term.

Councilmember Prieto moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to adopt Resolution 2018-23. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2018-24: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Teamsters Local Union No. 760 (Public Works, Office Clerical and Dispatch Employees) for the Period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020.**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the contract negotiations with the Teamsters' Bargaining Unit, noting that the proposed Resolution was for the purpose of approving the Collective Bargaining

Agreement, which represents employees from the Public Works Department, Finance Department and Police Department, for the years 2017 through 2020.

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to adopt Resolution 2018-24. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Prieto noted her attendance at the AWC Annual Conference.

Councilmember Oaks announced that the Toppenish Rodeo will be hosting a two-day Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeo on Friday, July 6, 2018 and Saturday, July 7, 2018. He noted that the Toppenish Rodeo Board worked diligently for the last six years and were successful in making the Toppenish Rodeo a PRCA rodeo event again for the community.

Councilmember Piñon noted that Heritage University graduation for high school equivalence will be this week at the Yakama Nation Cultural Center Theater.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez noted that the Farmers Market is available in The Old Timers Plaza every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In addition, he updated Council that the planning details are being finalized for the National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the swimming pool and park.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:


- ERWoW Board meeting on June 12, 2018.
- DRYVE meeting on June 20, 2018.
- Washington Surveys Rating Bureau in town June 19, 2018.
- AWC Annual Conference from June 26, 2018 through June 29, 2018 in Yakima.
- West Second Avenue Project Update
- Chamber Coffee with Community will be held on June 27, 2018 at City Hall.
- Yakima Valley Community Band to perform on July 3, July 17 and July 31 at 7:00 p.m. in Railroad Park
- Annual Lions Club Breakfast will be held on July 7, at Post Office Park.
- Calvary Church Toppenish will be hosting a free swim day on July 7, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The Wild West Parade will be held on July 7, beginning at 11:00 AM.
- The City's Facebook page has been a success with a number of followers and people sharing information from the page.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

  
J. ELIGIO JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR PRO TEM