

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 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 Naila Duval, and George Garcia.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.
Remote Staff: City Attorney Gary Cuillier, 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 verbally respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Oaks, and Councilmembers Belton, and Jiménez were present in the Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, Councilmembers Duval, and Garcia remotely attended the meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the June 8, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON JUNE 8, 2020

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the May 26, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the June 1, 2020 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 34968 through 34977 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$182,057.37 dated June 4, 2020.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 92067 through 92120 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$1,265,047.38 dated June 8, 2020 and void Check Number NR92034.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Regarding Adopting Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2021 through 2026. Presentation by City Manager Lance Hoyt.

Mayor Oaks opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

CM Hoyt noted the public hearing was required for adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for years of 2021 through 2026. He discussed the ten proposed projects which include: Jackson Street Extension Improvements, South Juniper Street and Jackson Street Improvements, the Pedestrian Mural Attraction Sidewalk Improvements, 2nd Avenue Improvements, Train Depot Roof Rehabilitation, Asotin Avenue Improvements, South Toppenish Avenue Improvements, Idaho Street Extension, 4th Avenue Reconstruction, and West 1st Avenue Sidewalk Improvements.

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 7:19 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A Resolution 2020-33: A Resolution Adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2021 through 2026.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to adopt Resolution 2020-33. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for July 6, 2020 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council for July 6, 2020 Study Session agenda to include an update for the dog license ordinance and receive a COVID-19 update.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Jiménez expressed her appreciation for the assistance from the Toppenish Police Department Officers during the Toppenish High School Graduation on June 5, 2020.

Councilmember Duval reported on a non-profit company performing wastewater testing to assist in determining positive COVID-19 cases.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Mayor Oaks reported his concerns with a pothole on Buena Way in the area of Idaho-Goldendale.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Update on COVID-19 meetings with YHD, YVOEM, and YVCOG
- Update on CARES Act Funding
- Update on lack of BNSF railroad crossing repairs
- AWC Virtual Annual Conference – June 23 to June 25

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK