

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Oaks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Blaine Thorington and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, George Garcia, Clara Jiménez and Elpidia Saavedra.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell, Chief of Police Curt Ruggles, Fire Chief Tim Smith, Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas) and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19

Resolution 2020-07: A Resolution Proclaiming A Declaration of Emergency in the City of Toppenish, Washington due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19).

CC Riojas recited for the audience and the viewing public the Declaration of Emergency related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

CM Hoyt summarized the Declaration of Emergency actions taken on March 16, 2020 for the best interests of the City of Toppenish:

- Cancels all City Council meetings until the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2020, if needed.
- Authorizes the payment of all Accounts Payable and Payroll in the interim until the same can be ratified at the April 27, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- Closure of all City buildings, to include City Hall, Fire Department, Police Department, to the public and occupancy use limits in compliance as imposed by local, state and federal regulations.
- Authorizes the suspension of online service charges to utility customers while this Declaration of Emergency is in effect.
- The City Manager is authorized to request any state or federal assistance needed to meet the demands of the emergency that exists, as the City may be in need of economic assistance from available state and federal sources for expenses associated with the response to the COVID-19 threat and the costs associated therewith.
- The City Manager may take whatever measures the City Manager deems necessary and reasonable to respond to the threat of COVID-19 and to protect the public health and safety of the City’s residents during this state of civil emergency.

The Declaration of Emergency for the City of Toppenish, Washington is effective through April 27, 2020 unless rescinded sooner or extended by the City Council.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Resolution 2020-07. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK