

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2020

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Blaine Thorington and Councilmembers Loren Belton and Clara Jiménez.

Remote Attendees: Councilmembers Naila Duval, George Garcia and Elpidia Saavedra.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell (ASD Zabell), City Clerk Heidi Riojas and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thorington to approve the March 23, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a and d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the March 16, 2020 Special Meeting.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 34911 through 34924 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$235,763.20 dated March 15, 2020.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 91707 through 91784 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$299,220.72 dated March 23, 2020 and void Checks Number 91584, 91597, 91663 and 91698.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Oaks Read Ordinance 2020-05 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Granting to ExteNet Systems, Inc. and its Affiliates, Successors and Assigns, the Right, Privilege, Authority and Nonexclusive Franchise for Five Years, to Construct, Maintain, Operate, Replace and Repair a Telecommunications Network, in, Across, Over, Along, Under, Through and Below the Public Rights-of-Way of the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to adopt Ordinance 2020-05. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-08: A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Business Licenses and Granting Approval to Business Licensing Services to Extend City of Toppenish Business Licenses with a March 31, 2020 Expiration to May 31, 2020.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thorington to approve Resolution 2020-08. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-09: A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Suspension of the April 23, 2020 Utility Shut Offs, During the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2020-09. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-10: A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Suspension of Utility Late Fees through April 2020 During the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Mayor Pro Tem Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to approve Resolution 2020-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-11: A Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Payment Plan for Utility Customers Economically Impacted During the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2020-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorizing City Manager to Submit for STBG Grant Application for Railroad Depot Roof Rehabilitation.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to authorize the City Manager to Submit a STBG Grant Application for Railroad Depot Roof Rehabilitation. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Belton reported his attendance at the Yakima County Development Association 35th Annual Business Luncheon on March 10, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Thorington had nothing to report.

Councilmember Jiménez had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Saavedra encouraged the public to wash their hands and stay home.

Councilmember Duval reported updates for the Toppenish Food Bank and that this week until April 3, 2020 by sections, City staff will be picking up for the vegetation only clean up.

Mayor Oaks expressed his appreciation to Councilmembers Duval, Garcia, and Saavedra for their remote participation.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- COVID-19 issues with personnel
- Signs posted in parks regarding COVID-19
- Thanked staff for setting up this meeting for Councilmembers to participate remotely.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK