

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2019

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez, Mayor Pro Tem J. Eligio Jiménez and Councilmembers Mark Oaks, Naila Prieto, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.
Absent: Councilmember Gabriel Piñon.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

CM Hoyt noted Councilmember Gabriel Piñon sent his resignation from Council due to his moving outside of City limits.

Councilmember Prieto arrived at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, announced that the Community Safety Network (CSN) will be hosting the following events in April: 1) 8th Annual CSN Golf Tournament on April 14, 2019; and 2) the CSN community clean up and graffiti paint out on April 27, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, followed with lunch provided to participants at 12:30 p.m. at the Toppenish Middle School Cafeteria.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the March 13, 2019 Special Meeting.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 34529 through 34540 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$217,342.83 dated March 20, 2019.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 89705 through 89787 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$254,216.63 dated March 25, 2019 and Void Check Number 89707.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor C. Jiménez noted that staff has confirmed that a Xochitl Mares has agreed to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez to appoint Xochitl Mares to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to direct staff to start the recruitment process to fill the City Council Vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor C. Jiménez and Councilmembers Thorington and Prieto noted their attendance at the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments meeting on March 20, 2019 in Selah.

Mayor C. Jiménez and Councilmembers Oaks, Thorington and Prieto noted their attendance at the Council Training on March 13, 2019.


CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Provided project updates on West First Avenue Overlay, Well No. 5, Pothole repairs, Vegetation clean up, compost season, concession stand expansion and park survey projects.
- The City received a donation by PACE International of chlorine to be used this season at the swimming pool.
- Provided update on the recruitment to fill vacancies for four police officers and one dispatcher.
- City Hall will be closed to the public March 29, 2019 for staff to work on cleaning up electronic files.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK


CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR