

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2018

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: Finance Director/City Clerk Debbie Zabell (FD Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Police Chief Curt Ruggles (PC Ruggles), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to excuse Councilmember Piñon from the March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dianna Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, announced that the Community Safety Network (CSN) will be hosting the following events next month: 1) CSN 9th Anniversary Celebration on April 18, 2018; 2) 7th Annual Golf Tournament on April 22, 2018; and 3) the community clean up and graffiti paint out on April 28, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, followed with lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Toppenish Middle School Cafeteria.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Pay Estimate #5 to Tapani, Inc. in the amount of \$62,360.82 with retainage held in the amount of \$3,181.67 for the Second Avenue Reconstruction – Phase 1.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 34165 through 34179 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$205,159.48 dated March 21, 2018.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 87742 through 87816 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$384,115.75 dated March 26, 2018 and void Check Number 87655.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2018-13: A Resolution Approving Interlocal Agreement Between the Yakima County Sheriff on Behalf of the Yakima County L.E.A.D. Taskforce and the City of Toppenish, Washington Relating to Law Enforcement Services.

FD Zabell noted that proposed Resolution 2018-13 is to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Yakima County Sheriff on behalf of the Yakima County L.E.A.D. Taskforce and the City relating to law enforcement services. PC Ruggles stated that the impact of the decline in the number

of profitable seizures and forfeitures in the past two years is the reason the organization is requesting support from the City to retain three civilian positions within L.E.A.D. The organization is crucial to fill the coverage gap between Yakima and the Tri Cities.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to adopt Resolution 2018-13. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Prieto announced that she is organizing a 5-K run in July.

Councilmember Thorington reminded Council to complete their individual Public Disclosure Commission filing by April 15, 2018.

Mayor C. Jiménez noted her attendance at the Chamber Auction on March 17, 2018 and the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments meeting on March 21, 2018.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

FD Zabell updated Council with City Manager Hoyt's report on the following:

- WATOA conference on April 4 through April 6 at Lake Chelan.
- BNSF replacing/upgrading railroad crossing at SR22 from Asotin Avenue to Washington Avenue with closure from March 27, 2018 at 6:00 a.m. to March 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- West Second Avenue Phase 2 Reconstruction is scheduled to have a preconstruction meeting March 27, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
- RCO grant application is being updated by Huibregtse Louman Associates to include additional improvements for Pioneer Park. Application due in May 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC

Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk


CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR