

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**

**Study Session Minutes**

**March 6, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

- Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, Gabriel Piñon, Blaine Thorington and Angelica Walle.
- Excused Absence: Councilmember J. Eligio Jiménez.
- Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), Finance Director Debbie Zabell (FD Zabell), Recreation Director James Cole, Police Chief Curt Ruggles, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

## DISCUSSION REGARDING RECREATION AND AQUATICS FEES

FD Zabell updated Council on the results of the analysis of the recreation and aquatics fees that were included with the agenda packet. The analysis included contacting the Cities of Grandview, Sunnyside, Selah, Yakima, Moxee and Naches. She reported the Toppenish provides youth recreation programs for youth ages 3-12 that includes soccer, basketball and baseball. In addition, Toppenish provides aquatics programs that include lifeguard certification/recertification, swimming lessons, swimming pool admissions, swimming pool season passes, swim team, discount tickets and swimming pool rentals. She reported that taking into consideration of the City's per capita income it would be difficult to recoup 100% of the recreation and aquatics program costs except for the lifeguard certification/recertification program. FD Zabell noted that staff recommends the rate adjustments as shown in the fee analysis.

Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to not discount the community events swimming pool rental rate in the resolution. Motion passed. Councilmember Thorington voted no.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to have staff prepare a new Fee Resolution for the March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting with the recommended rates for recreation and aquatics. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Walle to excuse Councilmember J. Jiménez from the March 6, 2017 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Ruggles provided an update on the major crimes the department has responded to and are currently working since January.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

  
CLARA R. JIMENEZ, MAYOR

  
HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK