

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2021

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

REMOTE MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

CC Riojas recited the remote meeting instructions for the record pursuant to Governor Inslee's Emergency Proclamation with the temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act during the COVID-19 Outbreak that prohibit all in-person public comments. In addition, she recited the instructions to attend the meeting in "listen only" mode by using the call-in phone number.

ROLL CALL

Remote Attendees: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, George Garcia, and Clara Jiménez.
Remote Staff: Administrative Services Director Debbie Zabell (ASD Zabell), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace (PWS Wallace), City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), and Cable Television Manager Judy Devall (CATV Devall).

CC Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra, and Councilmembers Belton, Ceja, Duval, Garcia, and Jiménez responded their remote attendance during roll call.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to approve the May 24, 2021 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON MAY 24, 2021

CC Riojas noted the City did not receive advance public comments by the stated deadline.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Oaks recited the Proclamation in support of Yakima County residents being safely vaccinated as soon as possible to aid in the safe return to normal activities at school, work, and with family and friends.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the May 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35274 through 35284 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$237,918.91 dated May 18, 2021
- c. Approve Claims Checks Number 93666, 93719 through 93792 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$520,901.42 dated May 24, 2021

Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tabled Item: Resolution 2021-17: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Three Lawn Mowers.

Councilmember Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to remove Resolution 2021-17 from the table for further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

PWS Wallace noted that the 2021 Budget includes the purchase of two lawn mowers for Parks and one lawn mower for Cemetery with an estimated cost of \$60,000.00.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra to approve Resolution 2021-17. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-18: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Wheel Loader.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Ceja to approve Resolution 2021-18. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval shared an opportunity offered by the Toppenish Food Bank for rent and utility grant assistance, along with encouraging residents to visit Post Office Park on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 to participate in the community survey.

Councilmember Garcia reported his attendance at trainings hosted by YVCOG on May 19, 2021 and May 20, 2021.

Councilmember Jiménez had nothing to report.

Mayor Oaks had nothing to report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

ASD Zabell noted that CATV Devall will speak first and then she will summarize the CM Hoyt's report. CATV Devall explained the intended use of the City's Facebook page and website is promoting City events, and the use of MVTV is for promoting community events.

ASD Zabell summarized CM Hoyt's report provided to Council with the agenda materials:

- Police Chief Recruitment
- Annual AWC Virtual Conference
- Building Official/Zoning Administrator Recruitment

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