

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 12, 2019**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor C. Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, Mark Oaks, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.  
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez.  
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Chief of Police Curt Ruggles (PC Ruggles), Public Works Superintendent Rocky Wallace (PWS Wallace), City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas) and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to excuse Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez from the November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alex Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, expressed his concerns regarding various issues including City Council vacancies and enforcement of park regulations.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the October 28, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the October 30, 2019 Special Meeting.
- c. Approve Minute of the November 4, 2019 Study Session.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 34740 through 34755 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$158,836.53 dated November 6, 2019.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 90944 through 91023 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$141,823.79 dated November 12, 2019 and Void Check Number NR90806.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

CM Hoyt noted that Ordinances 2019-09, 2019-10 and 2019-11 will be pulled from this agenda and return on the agenda for the November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.

**Resolution 2019-43: A Resolution Approving Addendum II to Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Sunnyside and the City of Toppenish for the Housing of Inmates.**

PC Ruggles noted that the proposed resolution is to approve Addendum II to Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside for the housing of inmates.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2019-43. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2019-44: A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 5 With Gray & Osborne, Inc., for Construction Administration Services for the Sewer (Phase IV) Improvements Project.**

PWS Wallace noted that the proposed resolution is to approve Amendment No. 5 with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for Construction Administration Services for the Sewer (Phase IV) Improvements Project.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to adopt Resolution 2019-44. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2019-45: A Resolution Approving Washington State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement No. 4 With HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Construction of the Lincoln Avenue, Dayton Avenue and Beech Street Project.**

CM Hoyt noted that the proposed resolution is to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 4 with HLA for the design and construction of the Lincoln, Dayton and Beech Street Project.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Resolution 2019-45. Motion carried unanimously.

**Receive Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Recommendation and Decide on Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Recommendation for 2020 Tourism Development Funds.**

CC Riojas updated Council that the joint meeting with the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) and Tourism Fund Advisory Committee (TFAC) was held on October 2, 2019. The members reviewed the proposals submitted for recommendation for 2020 Tourism Development Funds. The LTAC recommendation for funding is as follows: \$33,875.00 to the Toppenish Chamber of Commerce; \$3,200.00 to YVVCB, doing business as Yakima Valley Tourism for the 2020 Yakima Valley Official Travel Guide advertisement for \$3,200.00 for a two-page advertisement, along with the Community Map for a value of \$1,100.00 free of charge; \$6,000.00 to the Yakima Valley Rail and Steam Museum Association; \$1,500.00 to the Central Washington Junior Livestock Show; \$300.00 to the City of Toppenish for the operation of the tourism program; and \$3,575.00 to the City of Toppenish for the flower basket program.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt the recommendation from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for use of the 2020 Tourism Development Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Award Bid for the Sewer Improvements Project Phase IV.**

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to award bid the in the amount of \$5,292,894.07 to Tapani, Inc. for the Sewer Improvements Project Phase IV.

**Declare Well No. 5 Improvements Project Complete and Start 60-day Lien Process.**

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to Declare Well No. 5 Improvements Project Complete and Start the 60-day Lien Process. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Set Agenda for the December 2, 2019 Study Session.**

It was the consensus to discuss the 2020 Preliminary Budget and finalize the City Manager evaluation during the December 2, 2019 Study Session.

### **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Saavedra nothing to report.

Councilmember Oaks reported his attendance at the Ranch Party on November 7, 2019.

Councilmember Belton reported his attendance at the Ranch Party on November 7, 2019 and noted the clean-up of a resident's yard that was performed by the 7th Day Adventist Church.

Councilmember Thorington nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval expressed appreciation to Barry Gatlin and Jody Milton for donating their time to help with the holiday tree lighting that will happen on November 30, 2019 in Post Office Park.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez reported his attendance at the Ranch Party on November 7, 2019.

Mayor C. Jiménez reported her attendance at the Special Meeting on October 30, 2019 that had no quorum to view the AWC webinar on Managing Conflict and at the Ranch Party on November 7, 2019.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Recapped the 99th Annual Ranch Party on November 7, 2019 where Team Toppenish shined:
  - Opening invocation given by Firefighter Crist
  - Councilmember Belton was the Ranch Party Emcee
  - Mayor C. Jiménez presented the Team Player Award to Police Sergeant Shah
  - Fire Chief Smith presented the Life Saver Award to Yakama Nation Officer Oaks and Volunteer Firefighter for his fast response and CPR technique to save the life of Jim Purdy
  - Lions Club Member Jerry Boekholder presented the Lion of the Year Award to PWS Wallace
- Special Meeting on November 16, 2019 for Council Training.
- Yakima County Auditor's Office will certify the election results November 26, 2019 for Position 5 to Candidate Garcia; Position 6 to Candidate Duval; and Position 7 to Candidate Belton.
- Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on November 5, 2019 for the Code update for Small Wireless Facilities.

Mayor C. Jiménez noted that the Planning Commission has two vacancies that need to be filled. She also announced that the Toppenish Rodeo & Livestock Association will be holding its annual auction fundraiser at the Toppenish Eagles the evening of November 16, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

  
CLARA R. JIMENEZ, MAYOR

  
HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK