

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 22, 2021**

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

**MASK GUIDELINES**

CC Riojas recited the City of Toppenish Mask Guidelines to direct masks are required for all individuals.

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Mayor Mark Oaks, Mayor Pro Tem Elpidia Saavedra, and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Juan Ceja, Naila Duval, and George Garcia

Absent: Councilmember Clara Jiménez

Staff: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Chief of Police John Clary, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), Deputy City Clerk Sabrina Renfrew, and Cable Television Manager Judy 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, and Garcia responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Jiménez was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Ceja to excuse Councilmember Jiménez from attending the November 22, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the November 22, 2021 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the November 15, 2021 Special Meeting
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35453 through 35464 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$243,117.80 dated November 18, 2021
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 94613 through 94675 and EFTAP276 in the total amount of \$224,667.49 dated November 22, 2021

Motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Resolution 2021-45: Designate Official Newspaper for 2022**

CC Riojas presented the recommendation to approve Resolution 2021-45 designating the *Sunnyside Sun* as the Official Newspaper for 2022 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Bid and Contract for Official Newspaper.

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve Resolution 2021-45. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Accept Public Defense Grant**

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Ceja to accept the terms of Public Defense Grant No. GRT22072. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2021-46: Approve Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus ad Local Agency Agreement Supplement for Jackson Street Extension Project**

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Resolution 2021-46. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution 2021-47: Approve Interlocal Agreement with Sunnyside for Law Enforcement Communications/Dispatch Services**

Councilmember Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Ceja to approve Resolution 2021-47. Motion carried unanimously.

## COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval had nothing to report. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra wished "Happy Thanksgiving" to the community.

Mayor Oaks thanked the community for the successful Rodeo Auction and Dinner and the Lion's Club for cooking the steaks.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt reported on the following:

- December 6 Study Session consists of final hearing to adopt budget
- December 4 AWC Elected Officials' Essentials Training webinar

- Public Works Projects
- Recruitments
- Tree Lighting in Old Timer's Park
- Lighted parade on Saturday, November 27, 2021
- Public Works staff prepping the downtown with holiday lights and decorations

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK