

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2019

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor C. Jiménez, Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Naila Duval, Mark Oaks, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director Debbie Zabell (FD Zabell), City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, City Clerk Heidi Riojas and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Oaks moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the November 16, 2019 Special Meeting.
- c. Approve Minutes of the November 21, 2019 Special Meeting.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 34757 through 34774 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$231,709.48 dated November 25, 2019 and void Check Number 34755.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 91024 through 91116 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$284,573.03 dated November 25, 2019 and void Check Numbers NR90884, NR91018 and NR91062.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Regarding 2020 Tax Levy and Revenues. Receive Staff Presentation and Public Comments on Proposed Tax Levy.

Mayor C. Jiménez opened the first public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Finance Director Zabell (FD Zabell) reported that the public hearing was to provide the revenue estimates for the 2020 Preliminary Budget. She noted that the proposed revenues for all funds consist of various revenue sources which include Property, Sales, and Utility Taxes, as well as Charges for Services. She further noted the total projected revenues to be \$33,506,010.

FD Zabell reported that the 2020 Preliminary Budget includes the allowable 1% increase or \$8,602.67 in Ad Valorem Taxes, better known as Property Taxes. The anticipated levy rate in 2020 will be an estimated \$2.67 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation compared to the rate of \$2.55 in 2019.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor C. Jiménez closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Public Hearing Regarding the 2020 Preliminary Budget. Receive Staff Presentation and Public Comments on Proposed 2020 Preliminary Budget.

Mayor C. Jiménez opened the second public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

FD Zabell reported that this is the first public hearing required by State Statute for the City to conduct for the 2020 Preliminary Budget. For the benefit of the public, she noted that the Budget sets forth the complete financial program, showing expenditures proposed for each department and the sources of revenues to finance those expenditures. She further noted that Council received a balanced Budget without reducing essential public services and without personnel layoffs or furloughs.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor C. Jiménez closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor C. Jiménez Read Ordinance 2019-09 into the Record: An Ordinance Adjusting Water Rates by Amending Section 13.16.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code.

CM Hoyt reported that the proposed ordinance is to amend Toppenish Municipal Code Section 13.16.040 regarding the adjustment of the water rates for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to adopt Ordinance 2019-09. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor C. Jiménez Read Ordinance 2019-10 into the Record: An Ordinance Adjusting Sewer Rates by Amending Sections 13.44.025, 13.44.030, 13.44.040 and 13.44.045 of the Toppenish Municipal Code.

CM Hoyt reported that the proposed ordinance is to amend Toppenish Municipal Code Section 13.44.025, 13.44.030, 13.44.040 and 13.44.045 regarding the adjustment of the sewer rates for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2019-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor C. Jiménez Read Ordinance 2019-11 into the Record: An Ordinance Adjusting Solid Waste Rates by Amending Section 8.10.170 of the Toppenish Municipal Code.

CM Hoyt reported that the proposed ordinance is to amend Toppenish Municipal Code Section 8.10.170 regarding the adjustment of the solid waste rates for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Councilmember Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Ordinance 2019-11. Motion carried. Councilmember Duval voted no.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor C. Jiménez Read Ordinance 2019-12 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Determining and Fixing the Amount of Moneys to be Raised by Ad Valorem Taxes to Finance the Municipal Operations for the City of Toppenish, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Ordinance 2019-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor C. Jiménez Read Ordinance 2019-13 into the Record: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington Regarding Wireless Communication Facilities Repealing and Reenacting Chapter 17.85 of the Toppenish Municipal Code Wireless Communication Facilities; and Establishing an Effective Date.

CM Hoyt noted that the proposed ordinance is to regulate Small Wireless Facilities as ordered by the Federal Communications Commission that imposes limitations on cities for processing and reviewing permits for small wireless facilities.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Ordinance 2019-13. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-46: A Resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Local 2328 of the International Association of Firefighters for the Period January 1, 2019 Through December 31, 2022.

FD Zabell noted that the proposed resolution is to approve the labor agreement with the Local 2328 of the International Association of Firefighters from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2019-46. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-47: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Toppenish Police Officers Association and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 10 (Representing the Police Department) for the Period From January 1, 2020 Through December 31, 2022.

FD Zabell noted that the proposed resolution is to approve the labor agreement with the Toppenish Police Officers Association from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2019-47. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-48: A Resolution Approving Grant Agreement Between the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Toppenish for Funding in

the Amount of \$261,396 for the Lincoln Avenue, Dayton Avenue and Beech Street Improvements from Elm Street to L Street.

CM Hoyt noted that the proposed resolution is to approve the grant agreement with Transportation Improvement Board for \$261,396 for the Lincoln Avenue, Dayton Avenue and Beech Street Improvements Project.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to adopt Resolution 2019-48. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Oaks. on behalf of the Toppenish Rodeo, expressed his appreciation to Washington Beef, the Lions Club and the community for supporting the rodeo fundraiser auction.

Councilmember Saavedra nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton nothing to report.

Councilmember Thorington reported he attend the rodeo fundraiser auction.

Councilmember Duval nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez announced that on Saturday, November 30 the Tree Lighting will be at 5:00 p.m. in Post Office Park, followed with the Lighted Christmas Parade at 6:00 p.m. in the downtown area.

Mayor C. Jiménez announced that the Toy Train Christmas will be at the railroad depot from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting this Saturday and Sunday and every weekend until Sunday, December 22, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez announced that this is his last meeting and thanked the Council and the community for the support he has received for the past four years.

Mayor C. Jiménez presented Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez with a certificate of appreciation for his public service for the past four years.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Staff has been prepping for the upcoming weekend by up Christmas lights and decorations.
- DAHP application received by funding agency
- Council training November 16, 2019
- Passenger rail service meeting
- AWC Elected Officials Essentials training December 7, 2019 in Yakima

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.


CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR


HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK