

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2020

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 either registering online or 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: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Interim Police Chief Tim Bardwell, City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), 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, Garcia, and Jiménez remotely attended the meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra moved, seconded by Councilmember Jiménez to approve the October 12, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 12, 2020

CC Riojas noted the City received no public comments by the 4:00 p.m. deadline prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the September 28, 2020 Special Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the September 28, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approve Minutes of the October 5, 2020 Study Session.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Number 35067 through 35078 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$172,657.77 dated October 9, 2020.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Number 92625 through 92704 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$450,693.40 dated October 12, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on CARES Act Funds for Small Business Grants.

CM Hoyt reported on the progress of the Small Business Grants Program that the City is partnering with Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) as the pass through for use of the CARES Act Funds. YCDA received 102 applications, of which 89 were eligible based on the scoring criteria. At the September 8, 2020, the City Council approved using \$190,000 of the first round of CARES Act Funds for the Small Business Grant Program. YCDA will distribute a maximum of \$10,000 for each grant award. With the second round of CARES Act Funds, City Council approved using an additional \$80,000 for the Small Business Grants Program. After discussion, City Council decided to distribute the second round of CARES Act Funds at the same level as used for the first round of CARES Act Funds. CM Hoyt noted that at the next meeting a proposed Resolution, Amendment for the YCDA Agreement and the list of businesses to receive grant awards will be presented to Council for approval.

Set Agenda for November 2, 2020 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to discuss the 2021 Budget during the November 2, 2020 Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Garcia had nothing to report.

Councilmember Ceja had nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval reported that a few weeks ago she participated in a tour to locate sites for an extreme weather shelter. She extended her appreciation to Pastor East and his group for spending more than four and half hours to clean up the graffiti on the Eastside of the community.

Councilmember Belton had nothing to report.

Councilmember Jiménez expressed her gratitude to Pastor East and his group for continuing to paint out graffiti in the community. She reported on the problem with loose dogs in community and that she was told of a loose dog biting a community member.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra encouraged the community to get involved with reporting if they see anything and to share security camera footage with the police.

Mayor Oaks reported that Council needs to schedule a follow up for the City Manager evaluation. After discussion, Council decided to schedule a Special Meeting on October 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for a 20 minute Executive Session.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt extended his appreciation to Pastor East and his group continuing to paint out graffiti in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



MARK OAKS, MAYOR



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK