

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 28, 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, Elpidia Saavedra and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Councilmember Mark Oaks.

Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Fire Chief Tim Smith (FC Smith), City Clerk Heidi Riojas (CC Riojas), Deputy City Clerk/Human Resources Assistant Liliana Pearson and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Saavedra to excuse Councilmember Oaks from the October 28, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder, Toppenish, shared with Council flyers promoting upcoming November community events hosted by the Toppenish Food Bank and the Toppenish Chamber of Commerce starting with Family Turkey Bingo Night on November 6 at the Food Bank, the Annual Thanksgiving and Healing Service on November 17 at the Food Bank, the Tree Lighting at Post Office Park followed with the Chamber of Commerce Lighted Parade in the downtown area on November 30.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the October 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the October 21, 2019 Special Meeting.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 34725 through 34739 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$214,862.80 dated October 23, 2019.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 90869 through 90943 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$304,641.07 dated October 28, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Mayor C. Jiménez Read Ordinance 2019-08 into the record: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Section 8.10.070 of the Toppenish Municipal Code to Remove the Placement of Leaves in Gutters on Designated Days; and Establishing an Effective Date.**

FC Smith reported that the proposed ordinance is to amend Toppenish Municipal Code Section 8.10.070 regarding the placement of leaves in the gutters on designated days.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Ordinance 2019-08. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2019-41: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Canceling Claims Checks.**

CC Riojas noted that the proposed resolution is to authorize the cancellation of the unclaimed claims checks that are over two years old.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to adopt Resolution 2019-41. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2019-42: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Real Estate to Create a New Carlson Lift Station for the Sewer Improvements Project Phases II-IV.**

CM Hoyt noted that the proposed resolution is to authorize the purchase of additional real estate for the new relocated Carlson Lift Station for the Sewer Improvements Project Phases II-IV.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2019-42. Motion carried unanimously.

## COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Saavedra nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton reported his attendance at the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments meeting on October 16 that discussed the 2020 Census.

Councilmember Thorington nothing to report.

Councilmember Duval nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez announced the Tree Lighting at Post Office Park and the Chamber of Commerce Lighted Parade on November 30. The Toppenish School District is hosting a carnival at the A. J. Storm Gym on October 31, 2019.

Mayor C. Jiménez reported her attendance at the AWC Cities on Tap in Yakima. She recited the AWC 2020 Legislative Priorities that include 1) adopt comprehensive set of transportation policies to provide resources and local options; 2) to fully fund the Public Works Trust Fund; 3) to create tax increment financing options for cities; 4) to preserve city fiscal health with secure funding sources; 5) support statewide medication assisted treatment services in city and regional jails by providing local flexibility; 6) to advance a watershed-based strategic plan to address local fish-blocking culverts along with state culverts; and 7) continue to pursue new resources and policies to increase affordable housing both at the state and local level.

Mayor C. Jiménez presented Liliana Pearson with flowers and a plaque from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks designating her as a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC). Council and those present congratulated Liliana Pearson, CMC for the honor she has worked so hard to achieve.

### CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Hoyt updated Council on the following:

- Completion of West 2nd Avenue Reconstruction – Phase 2
- November 4, 2019 Study Session Agenda to include presentation from FCS Group for Cost of Service Analysis Phase 2, and executive session for labor negotiations.
- Attendance at the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council Conference in Wenatchee.
- Environmental Protection Agency Shoreline Management Program
- Coffee with the Community on October 30 at the Toppenish School District Administration Building.
- Bid Opening on October 25 for the Sewer Improvements Project Phases II-IV.
- Employee Recognition Luncheon on October 25 recognized the Team Player of the Year and milestones for years of service: 5 – Chris Perry and James Allen, 10 – Gloria Fry, 15 – Dan Hawkins and Curt Ruggles, 20 – Judy Devall and Tim Smith and 25 – Sheryl Newman and Ken Rathbun.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

  
CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR

  
HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK