

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2017

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers J. Eligio Jiménez, Derald Ortloff Gabriel Piñon, Blaine Thorington and Angelica Walle.
Absent: Councilmembers Mark Oaks.
Staff Present: City Manager Lance Hoyt (CM Hoyt), City Attorney Gary Cuillier, Finance Director Debbie Zabell, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Ortloff to excuse Councilmember Oaks from the October 9, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to amend agenda to postpone item 6d Department Budget Presentations to be during a Special Meeting on October 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for a Council/Staff Budget Workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Larry Matson, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Executive Director to Give Update on New Ala Carte Services Offered in 2018.

Larry Matson, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) Executive Director updated Council on the Ala Carte Service options offered in 2018 for grant research and writing, trainings, strategic planning facilitation and a YVCOG annual conference. Mr. Matson noted that the costs for Ala Carte Service options are in addition to the City's current to the annual member assessment.

Ann Harrison from Yakima Valley Rural Leaders to Propose "Little Free Libraries" for the Community.

Joan Souders, on behalf of Ann Harrison with the Yakima Valley Rural Leaders, updated Council on the "Little Free Libraries" for the community. Ms. Souders noted that the Yakima Valley Community Foundation has partnered with Rural Development Initiatives for rural development in the Lower Valley. She stated that Ezequiel Morfin and his daughter Adriana Morfin from Toppenish were instrumental in building the seven Little Free Libraries to benefit various communities in the Lower Valley. Ms. Souders noted that Yakima Valley Rural Leaders are requesting permission to install a Little Free Library on public land.

Councilmember Walle moved, seconded by Councilmember J. Jiménez to authorize the Yakima Valley Rural Leaders for "Little Free Libraries" in the community. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, announced that Community Safety Network reported on the success of the community cleanup on September 30, 2017. Ms. Sampson noted that the event involved 120 students and adults to collect 87 trash bags and paint out 2,397 square feet of graffiti to clean up the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember J. Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to approve Consent Agenda items a through f:

- a. Approve Minutes of the September 25, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the October 2, 2017 Study Session.
- c. Approve Pay Estimate #1 to Tapani, Inc. in the amount of \$171,255.88 with retainage held in the amount of \$8,737.54 for the Second Avenue Reconstruction – Phase 1.
- d. Approve Pay Estimate #3 to Apollo, Inc. in the amount of \$83,601.35 with retainage held in the amount of \$2,214.65 for the 2017 Sewer Improvements Project.
- e. Approve Payroll Checks Number 33949 through 33960 and EFTPR944 through EFTPR950 in the total amount of \$160,660.29 dated October 5, 2017.
- f. Approve Claims Checks Number 86753 through 86829 and EFTIC091017 in the total amount of \$407,126.15 dated October 9, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Agenda for the November 6, 2017 Study Session.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to set the November 6, 2017 Study Session to be a continuation of the 2018 Preliminary Budget and receive an update on the Public Works Fire. Motion carried unanimously.

Set City Manager Compensation as Per Contract.

Mayor C. Jiménez reported that Council conducted the City Manager Evaluation in Executive Session during the October 2, 2017 Study Session. She noted that Council needs to make a motion for the increase to the City Manager's salary. Councilmembers discussed the opinions of the required minimum increase and received comments from FD Zabell regarding the City Manager salary schedule being on the low end for a comparable City. CA Cuillier commented that Council will be able to renegotiate the terms of the contract during the next year. It was the consensus to schedule the April 2, 2018 Study Session to be establish a committee of three Councilmembers to start the negotiations for the City Manager Contract.

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Piñon to increase the annual base salary of the City Manager by 3% and increase the vehicle allowance by \$25.00 per month as noted in the Employment Agreement between the City of Toppenish and Lance Hoyt. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and Update the Legislative City Priorities.

CM Hoyt updated Council that the Legislators will be at the October 23, 2017 meeting to give an update on the 2017 Legislative Session. He shared with Council the latest AWC Legislative Priorities that focus on housing, mental health, economic development, shared revenues.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Walle reported that she attended the CSN cleanup and thanked Diane Sampson for her making the event a success.

Councilmember Piñon thanked the community for participating in the CSN cleanup.

Councilmember J. Jiménez reported that he attended the CSN cleanup and thanked JobCorps and the community for their participation in the cleanup.

Mayor C. Jiménez reported that she attended the CSN cleanup.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Hoyt reported on the following:

- YVCOG General Membership meeting on October 18, 2017 in Granger. Mayor C. Jiménez, Councilmembers Thorington and Ortloff and CM Hoyt indicated they will attend the meeting.
- Public Works Fire: City has spent roughly \$61,000 for replacement of uniforms, tools and equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMENEZ, MAYOR