

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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: Mark Oaks.

Staff Present: Finance Director Debbie Zabell (FD Zabell), Chief of Police Curt Ruggles (PC Ruggles), Permit Coordinator Florencio Sanchez, Finance Technician Sabrina Renfrew, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas and Mid Valley Television Manager Judy Devall.

Councilmember Belton moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez to excuse Councilmember Oaks from the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCE NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

FD Zabell introduced new City employees Sabrina Renfrew, Finance Technician and Florencio Sanchez, Permit Coordinator to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, on behalf of Community Safety Network (CSN), announced the next CSN Board meeting will be held at 8:15 a.m. on September 16 and the CSN Fall Clean Up will be October 5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Thorington moved, seconded by Councilmember Duval to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the August 24, 2019 Special Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.
- c. Approve Minutes of the September 3, 2019 Study Session.
- d. Approve Payroll Checks Numbers 34683 through 34696 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$156,630.72 dated September 5, 2019.
- e. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 90601 through 90668 and electronic transfers in the total amount of \$367,021.80 dated September 9, 2019 and void Check Number NR90536.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-37: A Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between the Educational Service District 105 School Safety Operations and Coordination Center and the City Of Toppenish, Washington for 911 Geo-Fencing Alerts within City Limits.

PC Ruggles noted that the proposed resolution is to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Educational Service District 105 for 911 geo-fencing alerts within City limits.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorington to adopt Resolution 2019-37. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for the October 7, 2019 Study Session.

It was noted that the proposed agenda will include presentations for Phase 2, utility rate analysis by FCS Group, and a proposal for a Yakima County Consortium for ambulance services, along with holding an hour executive session to discuss labor negotiations with legal counsel

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Saavedra nothing to report.

Councilmember Belton nothing to report.

Councilmember Thorington noted his attendance at the Train to Nowhere on September 7.

Councilmember Duval nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Jiménez expressed his appreciation for the LED streetlight updates.

Mayor C. Jiménez noted her attendance at the Train to Nowhere on September 7 and the Yakima Valley Rail and Steam Museum Association will be hosting its annual Pumpkin Run on October 26 at the railroad depot.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FD Zabell updated Council on the following:

- Business license update announcing going live with the State on September 12
- Yakima Valley Conference of Governments General Membership meeting September 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Grandview

Chief Ruggles updated Council on Police Department personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK



CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR