

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER.

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

Present: Mayor Loren Belton and Councilors Fred Díaz, Ed Pacheco, William Rogers, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy, City Attorney Philip A. Lamb, City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas, and MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alexander Mejia, 402 Bolin Drive, Toppenish, expressed his concerns regarding the City budget and the railroad depot. City Manager Murphy responded that the City has owned the railroad depot property for many years.

George Colby, 17 North D Street, Toppenish, thanked the Council for agreeing to make changes to the downtown parking. He spoke about this support of Council Candidate Christina Kwan.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of the January 28, 2008 Regular Meeting.
- B. Minutes of the February 4, 2008 Study Session.
- C. Payroll Vouchers for January 15, 2008:
Voucher No. 24323 through 24327 for \$3,201.86.
- D. Claims Vouchers for January 28, 2008 A:
Voucher No. 64741 through 64742 for \$8,122.98.
- E. Payroll Vouchers for January 31, 2008:
Voucher No. 24328 through 24405 for \$146,688.18.
- F. Payroll Vouchers for January 31, 2008:
VOID Vouchers 24369 through 24371.
Voucher No. 24406 through 24408 for -\$3,167.93.
(Posting clerical error correction.)
- G. Claims Voucher for February 11, 2008 A:
Voucher No. 64743 for \$11,132.15.
- H. Claims Vouchers for February 11, 2008:
Voucher No. 64744 through 64852 for \$194,611.11.

Councilor Thorington moved for the adoption of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Rogers; motion carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

V. ACTIVE AGENDA.

Mayor Belton announced that the Council candidate interviews would be moved to the end of the meeting. He stated that after the interviews the Council would be going into executive session for no more than 20 minutes, and that the Council would return to take action.

- A. Ordinance 2008-3.
Ordinance Removing Term Limits For Members Of Advisory Commissions And Committees.

The Council discussed revising the Ordinance by striking out the reference to the Public Safety Committee, the Cable Regulation Board, and the Boards and Selection Committee.

Councilor Rogers moved for the adoption of Ordinance 2008-3 Removing Term Limits For Members Of Advisory Commissions And Committees with the striking out of the reference to the Public Safety Committee, the Cable Regulation Board, and the Boards and Selection Committee; seconded by Councilor Taylor; motion carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution 2008-3.
Resolution Authorizing The Existence Of Petty Cash Funds Within The General Fund And The Special Investigative Drug Account (SIDA) Of The City Of Toppenish.

City Manager Murphy reported that the proposed Resolution was to consolidate the various petty cash accounts and to increase the funds in the Special Investigative Drug Account at the recommendation of the Police Department.

Councilor Thorington moved for the adoption of Resolution 2008-3 Authorizing The Existence Of Petty Cash Funds Within The General Fund And The Special Investigative Drug Account (SIDA) Of The City Of Toppenish; seconded by Councilor Díaz; motion carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Award bid to lowest responsible bidder for improvements to Wastewater Treatment Facility.

City Manager Murphy stated that the Council was provided with a summary of the bids received for the project and that the City's engineer, Michael Rohrich with Gray & Osborne, Inc., was present at the meeting to answer any questions. Mr. Rohrich reported that Pacific Crest Construction, Inc. was the low bidder for the improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Councilor Rogers moved to award the low bid of \$11,844,425.78 to Pacific Crest Construction, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements; seconded by Councilor Thorington; motion carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS.

None.

VII. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Consider Council Attendance at AWC Spring Conference in Yakima, June 17-22.

It was the consensus of the Council to waive the restrictions for the number of Councilmembers to attend the 2008 AWC Spring Conference in Yakima.

Councilor Rogers moved to waive the restrictions for the number of Councilmembers to attend the 2008 AWC Spring Conference in Yakima; seconded by Councilor Díaz; motion carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilor Taylor moved to appoint the following people to various boards and commissions:

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee:

Linda Steinmetz, Toppenish Western Art Association.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee:

Doug Deyo, Mary Thorington, Francis Hull, June Kitting, Ron Sidwell, and Carrie Story.

Planning Commission:

Cristina Galvan, Robert Gehlen, and Glen Lisle.

Tourism Fund Advisory Committee:

Jade East, Chamber of Commerce

Roger O'Dell, Yakima Valley Rail and Steam Museum Association

Dan Johnson, Downtown Business;

seconded by Councilor Pacheco; motion carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilor Taylor requested that the Council review and discuss the western theme and sign approval process during a Study Session. Councilor Thorington inquired about the soccer goal posts at Pioneer Park. City Manager Murphy stated that he would have staff look into the matter.

B. Interview the City Council Candidates.

Mayor Belton announced that each Councilmember had a specific question to ask the three candidates, Allen G. Hubert, Derald D. Ortloff, and Christina P. Kwan. The first candidate interviewed was Mr. Hubert, then Mr. Ortloff, and last to be interviewed was Ms. Kwan.

At 8:05 p.m., Mayor Belton announced that the Council would be going into executive session for 20 minutes or less to discuss filling the Council vacancy. He stated that the Council would return to take action.

At 8:25 p.m., Mayor Belton announced that the Council would need an additional 5 minutes in executive session.

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Belton reconvened the meeting into regular session.

Councilor Taylor moved to appoint Allen G. Hubert to fill the Council vacancy for the term ending December 31, 2009; seconded by Councilor Díaz;

City Attorney Lamb stated that the Ordinance calls for a roll call vote be taken for filling a Council vacancy.

motion carried with 4 yes votes and 2 no votes. Mayor Belton and Councilors Díaz, Taylor, and Thorington voting yes, and Councilors Pacheco and Rogers voting no.

Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Riojas administered the Oath of Office to Allen G. Hubert for the term ending December 31, 2009.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

LOREN O. BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

