

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 25, 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, Al Hubert, 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:

John Sodini, 308 South Fir Street, Toppenish, requested that the Council consider implementing an alcohol ban like what is being done in the City of Wapato. City Manager Murphy responded that he would not encourage the Council to adopt a ban without a factual basis to support such a ban. He reported that he was not aware of any complaints or any issues. Mayor Belton stated that the matter might be an agenda topic for a Public Safety Committee meeting.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of the February 11, 2008 Regular Meeting.
- B. Claims Voucher for February 11, 2008 C:
Voucher No. 64853 for \$40.00.
- C. Payroll Vouchers for February 15, 2008:
Voucher No. 24409 through 24484 for \$197,564.21.
- D. Claims Vouchers for February 25, 2008:
Voucher No. 64854 through 64934 for \$90,035.32.

Councilor Rogers moved for the adoption of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Hubert; motion carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

V. ACTIVE AGENDA.

- A. Resolution 2008-4.
Resolution Approving Centennial Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement Between The State Of Washington Department Of Ecology And The City Of Toppenish, In The Amount of \$3,055,556, For The Wastewater Improvement Project.

City Manager Murphy reported that Resolution 2008-4 and Resolution 2008-5 are to approve funding sources for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. He stated that item A was for a grant, which does not have to be repaid, and item B was for a non-interest loan, which would be paid back over a period of 20 years.

Councilor Thorington moved for the adoption of Resolution 2008-4 Approving Centennial Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement Between The State Of Washington Department Of Ecology And The City Of Toppenish, In The Amount of \$3,055,556, For The Wastewater Improvement Project; seconded by Councilor Díaz; motion carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B. Resolution 2008-5.
Resolution Approving Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Agreement Between The State Of Washington Department of Ecology And The City Of Toppenish, For Non-Interest Loan Of \$8,911,444, For Wastewater Improvement Project.

Councilor Díaz moved for the adoption of Resolution 2008-5 Approving Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Agreement Between The State Of Washington Department of Ecology And The City Of Toppenish, For Non-Interest Loan Of \$8,911,444, For Wastewater Improvement Project; seconded by Councilor Thorington; motion carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C. Resolution 2008-6.
Resolution Approving Proposal And Contract With Gray & Osborne, Inc., For Professional Engineering Services.

~~Michael Rohrich reported that the proposed contract was for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Michael Rohrich, Engineer with Gray & Osborne, Inc. reported to Council that the proposed contract referenced in Resolution 2008-6 is a General Services Contract with an Attachment to include the Engineering Services for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project. Mr. Rohrich also informed Council that should the City choose Gray & Osborne, Inc. for future projects, then an addendum to this contract can be prepared and approved by Council.~~

Councilor Rogers moved for the adoption of Resolution 2008-6 Approving Proposal And Contract With Gray & Osborne, Inc., For Professional Engineering Services; seconded by Councilor Taylor; motion carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS.

Councilor Hubert reported that he spoke with Legislators about House Bill 2712 regarding criminal street gangs while he was in Olympia.

Mayor Belton reported that on February 13, 2008 he attended the County Wide Planning Policy Committee meeting, which discussed the urban growth areas and the state population projections. He stated that on February 20, 2008 he attended the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments Executive Board Meeting and on February 21, 2008 he attended the Mayor's Meeting.

VII. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS.

A. Should the City have a Flag and join in the Parade of Flags that will take place during the AWC Annual Conference, in celebration of AWC's 75th Anniversary?

~~The Council discussed the possibility of having a City flag to participate in the celebration. Councilor Taylor agreed to research the matter and report back at the next meeting. A general discussion was held regarding the City creating a City of Toppenish flag to be used during the next AWC Conference. Councilman Taylor volunteered to check on design and creation of a flag, and Mayor Belton volunteered to query the Mayors from other valley cities to see if any had City flags.~~

B. March 3, 2008 Study Session Topic: Review TMC Chapter 17.26 entitled Design Review District.

The Council suggested inviting the Planning Commission members to attend the Study Session.

Councilor Taylor moved to recommend and appoint Dan Baris as the Planning Commission Representative to attend the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments General Membership meetings; seconded by Councilor Rogers; motion carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Mayor Belton stated that he would like the Council to discuss tabling the three-minute time limit for the citizens to speak to the Council during the public comment period and suggested talking about the matter during a Study Session.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

LOREN O. BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK