

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 28, 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, William Rogers, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Councilor Ed Pacheco.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy, Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead, Interim Public Safety Director Tom Kehm, Public Works Director Lance Hoyt, City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas, and MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall.

Councilor Rogers moved to excuse Councilor Pacheco from the January 28, 2008 regular meeting; seconded by Councilor Taylor; motion carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of the January 14, 2008 Regular Meeting.
- B. Minutes of the January 22, 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting.
- C. Payroll Vouchers for January 15, 2008:
Voucher No. 24254 through 24322 for \$194,003.57.
- D. Claims Vouchers for January 28, 2008:
Voucher No. 64683 through 64740 for \$35,022.17.

Councilor Thorington moved for the adoption of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Díaz; motion carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

V. ACTIVE AGENDA.

- A. Ordinance 2008-2.
Ordinance Authorizing Funding For Meter Readers Pursuant To Comprehensive Water Plan And Water Rate Study, And Authorizing Funding For Replacement Of Police Cars, entitled Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition Of Personal Property And Execution Of A Financing Contract And Related Documentation Relating To The Acquisition Of Said Personal Property.

City Manager Murphy reported that during the budget presentation, City staff discussed the acquisition of the water meter reading system and the acquisition of new police cars. He stated that the purchase of the water meter reading system has been incorporated into the current water and sewer rates and it

complies with the City's comprehensive plan. City Manager Murphy reported that over the next three years the police cars would be paid for in installment payments.

Councilor Rogers moved for the adoption of Ordinance 2008-2 Authorizing Funding For Meter Readers Pursuant To Comprehensive Water Plan And Water Rate Study, And Authorizing Funding For Replacement Of Police Cars, entitled Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition Of Personal Property And Execution Of A Financing Contract And Related Documentation Relating To The Acquisition Of Said Personal Property; seconded by Councilor Thorington; motion carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B. Resolution 2008-2.

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Toppenish, Washington Approving Amendments To The Professional Services Agreement With The City Manager.

Councilor Taylor moved for the adoption of Resolution 2008-2 Approving Amendments To The Professional Services Agreement With The City Manager; seconded by Councilor Díaz; motion carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS.

Mayor Belton reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Thorington attended the Mayor's Meeting on January 24, 2008. He stated that all the communities are struggling with graffiti and gang issues. Mayor Belton reported that he attended the Yakima Valley Conference Of Governments General Membership meeting on January 16, 2008 in Sunnyside.

Councilor Taylor reported that he attended the Public Safety Committee meeting on January 22, 2008. He stated that the members would be discussing the enforcement of Ordinances during the February 19, 2008 meeting.

VII. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS.

A. Review term limits of advisory commission members.

City Manager Murphy reported that at the January 14, 2008 the Council requested information regarding the term limits for advisory commission members. He stated that he had reviewed the Ordinances and provided a summary to the Council. Councilor Thorington mentioned that he was in favor of removing all term limits from the advisory committees. The Council discussed the helpful work provided by the experienced commission members and the difficulty in finding replacements for the various committees.

Councilor Rogers moved to authorize the City Manager to have the City Attorney prepare an Ordinance to remove the term limits for the Boards and Commissions; seconded by Councilor Díaz; motion carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilor Taylor agreed to contact committee members about continuing to serve on their respective committee.

B. Review Resolution limiting reimbursement to Councilmembers of costs to attend Yakima Valley Conference of Governments meetings.

Mayor Belton reported that he requested City Manager Murphy to put the item on the agenda for discussion. He stated that he would like to encourage other Councilors to attend the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments meetings. Councilor Thorington agreed with Mayor Belton and supports removing item 1 from the Resolution and suggested considering sending more Councilors to the AWC Annual Conference. Councilor Rogers stated that he opposed to making changes to the Resolution at this time. Councilor Díaz agreed with Councilor Rogers about not making changes to the Resolution.

C. February 4, 2008 Study Session Topic.

City Manager Murphy suggested that the Council discuss the Berger Lane Local Improvement District issue and the Council requested a legislative update.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: to discuss personnel matter – approximately 20 minutes.

At 7:31p.m., Mayor Belton announced that the Council would be going into executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss a personnel matter.

At 7:53 p.m., Mayor Belton reconvened the meeting in regular session.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

LOREN O. BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK