

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2010**

Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Clara Jiménez and Councilmembers Christina Kwan, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, and Randy Taylor.
Absent: Mayor Blaine Thorington and Councilmember Loren Belton.
Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), City Attorney Gary M. Cuillier, Public Works Director Lance Hoyt (PWD Hoyt), City Building Official/Planner William Rathbone (CP Rathbone), Special Projects Assistant Tom Kehm (PA Kehm), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to excuse Mayor Thorington and Councilmember Belton from the June 28, 2010 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Kwan to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the June 14, 2010 Meeting.
- b. Receive May 2010 Budget Report and Update memorandum submitted by Finance Director/City Clerk Linda Mead.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 29816 through 29912 in the total amount of \$251,303.52 dated June 15, 2010 and void Check Number 29907 and 29908.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbered 70643 through 70717, and Excise Fund Transfers 99100615 and 99100622 in the total amount of \$149,834.82 dated June 28, 2010, and void Check Number 70716.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Re: Amend Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Public Works Director Hoyt (PWD Hoyt) reported that the proposed Six-Year Street Plan includes five projects, which involves projects on East McDonald Road, L Street, Franklin Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, and Second Avenue. PWD Hoyt briefly discussed each proposed project.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Authorize Contract Between the City of Toppenish and Michels Corporation for the Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation Project in the Amount of \$46,869.60. The Bid was awarded during the Council Meeting on June 14, 2010.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to authorize contract between the City of Toppenish and Michels Corporation for the Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$46,869.60, as awarded during the Council meeting on June 14, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

HOME Consortium: Report by Bill Rathbone.

City Building Official/Planner Rathbone (CP Rathbone) reported on the progress of the HOME Consortium that was formed in 2009 to access federal funding designated for low-income to provide safe affordable housing, which would not be available to the City without participation in the consortium. CP Rathbone described the progress of the creation of the City's five-year housing plan to assist with rehabilitation of rental units, acquiring blighted structures, and the development of single-family units.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program: Report by Tom Kehm.

Special Projects Assistant Kehm (PA Kehm) reported on the progress of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to purchase blighted structures for demolition and then to build new structures to provide affordable housing. PA Kehm stated that the City has entered into an agreement with Habitat for Humanity to be the contractor for the program to build the new structures.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2010-11:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Granting to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Washington Corporation, its Successors and Assigns, a Non-Exclusive Right and Franchise for a Period of Twenty Years to Use and Occupy the Streets, Avenues, Lanes, Alleys, Highways and Other Public Places of the City of Toppenish, Yakima County, State of Washington, for the Purposes of Supplying, Distributing and Selling Gas to the Inhabitants of the City and Elsewhere and the Right and Privilege of Constructing, and Thereafter Maintaining, a Gas System, Mains, Service Pipes and Other Necessary Equipment in Said City, for the Distribution of Gas for Fuel, Power, Heat and Other Purposes, Subject to the Terms and Conditions Specified in the Ordinance, and Repealing Ordinance No. 90-21.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Ordinance 2010-11 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Granting to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, a Washington Corporation, its Successors and Assigns, a Non-Exclusive Right and Franchise for a Period of Twenty Years to Use and Occupy the Streets, Avenues, Lanes, Alleys, Highways and Other Public Places of the City of Toppenish, Yakima County, State of Washington, for the Purposes of Supplying, Distributing and Selling Gas to the Inhabitants of the City and Elsewhere and the Right and Privilege of Constructing, and Thereafter Maintaining, a Gas System, Mains, Service Pipes and Other Necessary Equipment in Said City, for the Distribution of Gas for Fuel, Power, Heat and Other Purposes, Subject to the Terms and Conditions Specified in the Ordinance, and Repealing Ordinance No. 90-21. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2010-14:

Resolution Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the years 2011 through 2016.

Councilmember Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Oaks to adopt Resolution 2010-14 Resolution Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the years 2011 through 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2010-15:

Resolution Approving Contract with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Construction Administration of the Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation.

Councilmember Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adopt Resolution 2010-15 Resolution Approving Contract with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Construction Administration of the Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez reported that she attended the AWC Annual Conference in Vancouver and that she was impressed with the presenters. Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez announced that the Fourth of July Parade will be on Saturday, July 3, 2010 and that the Study Session will be on Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

Councilmember Taylor reported that he, Councilmembers Ortloff and Kwan attended the Public Safety Committee on June 21, 2010 to receive reports from staff concerning the conditions of the gazebos at Lincoln Park and Olney Park and to discuss installing fencing as a possibility to control gang activity at the parks. Councilmember Taylor reported that he, Mayor Pro Tem Jiménez, Councilmember Oaks and City Manager Murphy attended the AWC Annual Conference from June 23, 2010 through June 25, 2010 in Vancouver and accepted the AWC WellCity Award and expressed his appreciation to City staff for their efforts to make the City eligible for a 2% insurance premium discount in 2011.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

CLARA R. JIMÉNEZ, MAYOR PRO TEM

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK