

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2010**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Blaine Thorington and Councilmembers Loren Belton, Clara Jiménez, Christina Kwan, Mark Oaks, Derald Ortloff, and Randy Taylor.  
Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), City Attorney Gary M. Cuillier, Public Works Director Lance Hoyt (PWD Hoyt), City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor, MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall, and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Greg Nelson, 1910 Becker Road, Toppenish, expressed his concern regarding the manure odor from Agri Beef, formerly known as Washington Beef, which causes health issues for his wife. City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) responded that the Environmental Protection Agency was in the process of reviewing the plan for Agri Beef.

Ralph Sampson, 512 South Alder Street, Toppenish, reported that the Community Safety Network (CSN) will be celebrating its first anniversary on March 16, 2010, and invited the Council and the public to attend the meeting and celebration.

Pedro Meza, 21 Buena Loop Road, Zillah, complimented the City on its goodwill, citizenship, and outreach to improve the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 22, 2010 Regular Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the March 1, 2010 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Checks Number 29225 through 29318 in the total amount of \$172,638.55 dated February 28, 2010 and void check numbers 29141, 29157 and 29158.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Number 69963 through 70057 in the total amount of \$139,765.65 dated March 8, 2010 and void check number 69779.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation by Public Works Director Lance Hoyt Regarding the Engineering Services for the Design and Construction Administration of the Penny Lane Lift Station Replacement Project.**

Public Works Director Hoyt (PWD Hoyt) reported that the Penny Lane Lift Station Replacement project will be funded by the rate structure that has already been set in place for the past several years. PWD Hoyt stated that the project will upgrade the lift station to be similar to what was completed for the Linden Lift Station Replacement project.

**Set Topic for the Public Safety Committee Meeting on March 15, 2010. The Suggested Agenda Is: A Presentation By Staff Regarding County-Wide Multi-Jurisdiction Compact for Use of the Same System of Spillman Public Safety Software.**

CM Murphy reported that the Public Safety Committee members will receive a presentation regarding the County-wide multi-jurisdiction compact for use of the same Spillman public safety software.

**Set Agenda for April 5, 2010 Study Session.**

It was the consensus of the Council to discuss the scheduling of the next Council/Staff Planning Session during the April 5, 2010 Study Session.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2010-6:  
Resolution in Support of the 2010 Census.**

Councilman Jiménez moved, seconded by Councilman Ortloff to adopt Resolution 2010-6 Resolution in Support of the 2010 Census. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2010-7:  
Resolution Approving Contract with Gray & Osborne, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Construction Administration for Replacement of the Penny Lane Lift Station.**

Councilman Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilman Oaks to adopt Resolution 2010-7 Resolution Approving Contract with Gray & Osborne, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Construction Administration for Replacement of the Penny Lane Lift Station. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2010-8:  
Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition Thereof.**

Councilman Ortloff moved, seconded by Councilman Oaks to adopt Resolution 2010-8 Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition Thereof. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Belton announced that earlier in the day the last gang bill before the legislators failed.

Councilmember Ortloff reported that CSN has inquired about the status of the modifications to the rental agreement. CM Murphy responded that the Police Department is looking into the matter and will be attending training regarding implementing a Crime Free Rental Program for the community.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

CM Murphy reported that the Auditor will be conducting an Exit Interview regarding the 2008 Single Audit with specific emphasis on the Visitor Center Federal funding requirements on March 15, 2010. Mayor Thorington and Councilmember Belton stated they will attend the meeting.

Mayor Thorington and Councilmembers Belton, Jiménez, and Kwan informed CM Murphy that they would be attending the YVCOG General Membership meeting on March 17, 2010, and requested that he make the reservations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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BLAINE R. THORINGTON, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK