

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Loren Belton and Councilmen Al Hubert, Derald Ortloff, William Rogers, Randy Taylor, and Blaine Thorington.

Absent: Ed Pacheco.

Staff Present: City Manager William C. Murphy (CM Murphy), City Attorney Philip A. Lamb (CA Lamb), Finance Director/City Clerk Linda B. Mead (FD Mead), Public Works Director Lance Hoyt (PWD Hoyt), City Interpreter Jorge Villaseñor (CI Villaseñor), MidValley Television Manager Judy Devall (MVTV Devall), and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Heidi Riojas (EA Riojas).

Councilman Taylor moved, seconded by Councilman Ortloff to excuse Councilman Ed Pacheco from the March 9, 2009 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Thorington moved, seconded by Councilman Rogers to approve Consent Agenda items a through e:

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 23, 2009 Regular Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the March 2, 2009 Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Vouchers Number 26909 through 26996 in the total amount of \$159,151.79 dated February 28, 2009 and void Vouchers Number 26916, 26918, 26959, and 26977.
- d. Approve Pay Estimate #11 to Pacific Crest Construction for the WWTF Improvements Project in the total amount of \$561,430.05 and payment of retainage to escrow in the total amount of \$27,280.37.
- e. Approve Claims Vouchers Number 67342 through 67431 in the total amount of \$803,130.42 dated March 9, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to Amend Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Mayor Belton opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

City Manager Murphy (CM Murphy) reported that Public Works Director Hoyt (PWD Hoyt) informed the Council at the February 23, 2009 Council meeting about the available funding to grind and resurface the areas of Toppenish and Washington Avenues in the downtown corridor

and the alley behind Kraff's, and to remove and replace the sidewalk on the East side of South Toppenish Avenue in front of the old Pix Theater. CM Murphy stated that the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) needs to be amended in order to add the project so the City is eligible for the funding.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Belton closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Agenda for April 6, 2009 Study Session.

It was the consensus of Council to tour the new Wastewater Treatment Facility during the April 6, 2009 Study Session.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2009-3

An Ordinance Amending the 2009 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2008-31 for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Finance Director/City Clerk Mead (FD Mead) reported that the proposed amendment will provide for various items, which include the insurance recovery received for the pool boiler and for the garbage truck fire, the donation received from the Toppenish Community Foundation to pay for the painting of the pool, and the reroofing of the Police Department and the old El Paso buildings.

Councilman Rogers moved, seconded by Councilman Thorington to adopt Ordinance 2009-3 an Ordinance Amending the 2009 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2008-31 for the City of Toppenish, Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009-2

A Resolution amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the years 2009 through 2014.

Councilman Hubert moved, seconded by Councilman Taylor to adopt Resolution 2009-2 a Resolution Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the years 2009 through 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009-3

Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition Thereof.

CM Murphy reported that the proposed resolution will authorize surplus of the property in the Police Department that has been found and unclaimed or forfeited by the court as evidence in drug seizure cases.

Councilman Thorington moved, seconded by Councilman Ortloff to adopt Resolution 2009-3 a Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition Thereof. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Taylor reported that the March 16, 2009 Public Safety Committee meeting has been cancelled.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

CM Murphy reported that the Benton Rural Electric Association (BREA) meeting room is available on Saturday, May 30, June 6, and June 13 for the Council/Staff Planning Session. It was the consensus of Council to schedule the Council/Staff Planning Session at the BREA meeting room on Saturday, May 30, 2009.

CM Murphy asked if Council would like to participate in the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Parade of Flags at the Annual Conference in Spokane. It was the consensus of Council to participate in the AWC Parade of Flags.

CM Murphy queried Council regarding who will be attending the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) meeting on March 18, 2009 at Snipes Mountain Restaurant in Sunnyside. Council responded that Mayor Belton, Councilman Taylor, and Councilman Hubert and guest will be attending the YVCOG General Membership meeting on March 18, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

LOREN O. BELTON, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK