

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 27, 2025**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra and Councilmembers Naila Prieto Duval, George Garcia, Josh Garza, Ezequiel Morfin, and Cristian Sanchez  
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Loren Belton  
Staff: City Manager Dan Ford, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Public Safety Director Joseph Mehline, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn, Interim Public Works Director Shaun Burgess, Community Economic Development Director Andrew Hattori, City Clerk Heidi Riojas, and Communications Manager Sean Davido

City Clerk Riojas conducted roll call for each City Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Mayor Saavedra and Councilmembers Prieto Duval, Garcia, Garza, Morfin, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call. Mayor Pro Tem Belton was not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Belton from the January 27, 2025, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Councilmember Sanchez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve the January 27, 2025, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The City Council received comments from the public during the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 36911 through 36919 and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3418 through EFTPR3430 in the total amount of \$392,070.54 dated January 22, 2025
- c. Approve Claims Check Numbers 100158-100168 in the total amount of \$74,270.64 dated December 31, 2024

- d. Approve Claims Check Numbers 100153-100157, 100169-100211 and Bank Drafts DFT11 through DFT12 in the total amount of \$135,115.74 dated January 27, 2025

Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2025-06: A Resolution Approving CKJT Architects PLLC Contract – 220 West 1st Avenue, Police Facility Design and Remodel Project for the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Morfin to approve Resolution 2025-06. Motion carried unanimously.

## **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The City Councilmembers provided reports of their activities since the last meeting and community announcements.

Councilmember Sanchez left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:34 p.m., Mayor Saavedra called for the room to clear for Council to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session started at 7:36 p.m. The approximate time for the Executive Session is 30 minutes with action anticipated.

At 8:06 p.m., Mayor Saavedra extended the Executive Session for another 15 minutes. Councilmember Morfin left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

At 8:21 p.m., Mayor Saavedra extended the Executive Session for another 15 minutes.

At 8:36 p.m., Mayor Saavedra extended the Executive Session for another 15 minutes. Councilmember Prieto Duval left the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

At 8:49 p.m., Mayor Saavedra reconvened the meeting back to order. No quorum was present; therefore, the meeting ended with no action taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no quorum present the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK