

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025

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

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Mayor Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor Pro Tem Loren Belton, and Councilmembers Naila Prieto Duval, George Garcia, Josh Garza, Ezequiel Morfin, and Cristian Sanchez

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, Information Technologies Services Manager Van Donley, Firefighter Trevor Oswalt, Firefighter Eric Ihnen, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Belton, and Councilmembers Prieto Duval, Garcia, Garza, Morfin, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve the January 13, 2025, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Mayor Saavedra recognized retired Fire Chief Timothy B. Smith and spoke regarding his service to the community. He served from August 6, 1978 through December 31, 2024, in the roles of a Volunteer Firefighter, Fire Captain, and Fire Chief.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Saavedra recited the Proclamation to proclaim the week of January 19, 2025, through January 25, 2025, as Martin Luther King, Jr. Week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto Duval to approve Consent Agenda items a through h:

- a. Approve Minutes of the December 9, 2024, Regular Meeting
 - b. Approve Minutes of the January 6, 2025, Study Session
 - c. Approve Resolution 2025-03, Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement for Daniel Ford
 - d. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 36861 through 36902, and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3396 through EFTPR3407 in the total amount of \$356,002.35 dated December 20, 2024
 - e. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 36903 through 36910, and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3408 through EFTPR3417 in the total amount of \$221,417.65 dated January 7, 2025
 - f. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 99989 through 100064 and Electronic Transfers EFTAP437 in the total amount of \$212,213.01 dated December 23, 2024, and void check NR99989
 - g. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 100065 through 100129 and Bank Drafts DFT4 through DFT5 in the total amount of \$209,369.74 dated December 31, 2024
 - h. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 100130 through 100152 and Bank Drafts DFT6 through DFT8 in the total amount of \$890,952.04 dated January 13, 2025
- Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Award Bid for Jackson/Juniper Water Main Replacement Project.

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to Award Bid to Assent Foundation & More, LLC in the amount of \$515,387.72 for Jackson/Juniper Water Main Replacement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-04: A Resolution Approving Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement Between the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Toppenish in the Amount of \$1,529,544 for the Downtown Intersection Improvements.

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Morfin to approve Resolution 2025-04. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-05: A Resolution Approving the Task Order 2025-01 With HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. For Engineering and Project Management.

Councilmember Morfin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-05. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK