

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 9, 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, Ron Hull, and Cristian Sanchez.

Absent: Councilmember Josh Garza.

Staff: City Manager Dan Ford, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Public Safety Director Joseph Mehline, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn, Public Works Supervisor Daniel Musgrave, IT Services Manager Van Donley, 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, Hull, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call. Councilmember Garza was not present at the meeting.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to add item e to New Business for the Emergency Bypass Repair at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Contracts that need to be signed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve the June 9, 2025, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Hull to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the May 27, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the June 2, 2025, Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 37178 through 37182 and Electronic Transfers DFT111 through DFT117 in the total amount of \$187,514.29 dated June 6, 2025.
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 37183 through 37240, DFT108 and DFT109 in the total amount of \$224,406.35 dated June 9, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2025-38: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Establishing an Adopt-A-Park Program for the City of Toppenish.**

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-38. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion Regarding Picnic Tables.**

CM Ford provided a follow up to the discussion held during the June 2, 2025, Study Session, informing the Council that the City had received a request from the Toppenish Lions Club to use picnic tables during its annual Lions Club Breakfast, held the morning prior to the Wild West Parade. He noted that, as discussed in the previous meeting, he would return with potential options for the City's involvement in supporting the event, particularly given limited staff resources. CM Ford reported that he had consulted with Jerry Boekholder, who represents both the Toppenish Lions Club and the Yakima Valley Rail and Steam Museum Association, to identify a solution that works for all parties. As a result of those discussions, a proposed option has been identified: the City would transfer ownership of at least 30 event tables to the Toppenish Lions Club for continued use in community events. CM Ford concluded by stating that he would prepare an agenda bill and resolution to formally document Council's decision, for consideration and approval under the Consent Agenda at the June 23, 2025, Regular Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2025-04 Into the Records: An Ordinance of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Amending Chapter 15.01 of the Toppenish Municipal Code Entitled "Building Codes" to Update and Incorporate the 2021 Version of the Building Codes, Providing for a Severability Clause and Establishing an Effective Date.**

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to adopt Ordinance 2025-04. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-39: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Approving Amendment No. 1 to Task Order 2025-03 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for Construction Services Associated with the Rentschler Lane Improvements Project.**

Councilmember Hull moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-39. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-40: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Approving and Authorizing Application to the Yakima County Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) Board to Fund the Rentschler Lane Improvements Project.**

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto Duval to approve Resolution 2025-40. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-41: A Resolution Adopting a Transportation Safety Action Plan and Establishing a Vision Zero Goal for the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto Duval to approve Resolution 2025-41. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discuss Emergency Bypass Repair Contract at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

CM Ford stated that he received contracts this afternoon for the work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant pertaining to the Emergency Declaration that Council recognized during its February 24, 2025, Regular Meeting. This is to receive authorization for the City Manager to execute the contracts to construct bypass repairs for the emergency at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$83,682.72.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to authorize the City Manager to sign the contracts to construct bypass repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in consideration of the Emergency Declaration in the amount of \$83,682.72. 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 8:07 p.m.

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ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

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