

**TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 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, and Cristian Sanchez

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, Garza, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve the May 12, 2025, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve Consent Agenda items a through d:

- a. Approve Minutes of the April 28, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- b. Approve Minutes of the May 5, 2025, Study Session.
- c. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 37022 through 37028, 37106 through 37108, Electronic Transfers DFT81 through DFT86 and DFT59 in the total amount of \$189,328.99 dated May 7, 2025.
- d. Approve Claim Checks Numbers 37017 through 37105 and DFT79-DFT80 in the total amount of \$430,591.11 dated May 12, 2025, and void check NR37029.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2025-29: A Resolution Authorizing the Development and Adoption of a Public Participation Plan for the Comprehensive Plans Climate Element for the City of Toppenish, Washington.**

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-29. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-30: A Resolution Amending Contract 090329-TTI Between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and the City of Toppenish, Washington, for Financial and Other City Software.**

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-30. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-31: A Resolution Approving the Recommendation of Selection for Wastewater Treatment Plant Indirect Biosolids Dryer System – Engineering And Construction Administration Services.**

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution 2025-31. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2025-32: A Resolution of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Approving the Task Order 2025-03 With HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for Design, Project Management, and Grant Writing Services.**

Councilmember Prieto Duval moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-32. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**INTERVIEW COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

Mayor Saavedra announced that the Council will interview three Candidates, Jesus Manuel Aguirre, Laura Canfield, and Ronald Hull, to fill the vacancy of Position 4.

The Council queried each of the candidates on their thoughts regarding a variety of issues before going into Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:10 p.m., Mayor Saavedra called for the Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications of the candidates for appointment to fill the City Council vacancy pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). The approximate time for the Executive Session is 15 minutes with anticipated action.

At 8:25 p.m., Mayor Saavedra extended the Executive Session for another 10 minutes.

At 8:35 p.m., Mayor Saavedra reconvened the regular session back to order.

## **SELECT NEW COUNCILMEMBER BY MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor Saavedra administered the Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Garcia – Candidate Hull  
Councilmember Sanchez – Candidate Hull  
Councilmember Garza – Candidate Hull  
Mayor Saavedra – Candidate Hull  
Mayor Pro Tem Belton – Candidate Hull  
Councilmember Duval – Candidate Aguirre

Candidate Hull was selected to fill vacant City Council Position 4 with five votes.

## **CITY CLERK TO ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE**

CC Riojas administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Ronald Hull to fill Position 4 on the Toppenish City Council for the remainder of the term until a qualified person is elected at the next election.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

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HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK