

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 24, 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, Community Economic Development Director Andrew Hattori, 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

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve the March 24, 2025, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Top-Hi Wildcats Girls Wrestling Team, Five Boy Wrestlers, Team Coaches, and Volunteer Coaches for Winning the 2025 State Girls Wrestling Team Championship Title, the Five Boy Wrestlers Winning Individual Championship Titles, and the Four Girl Wrestlers Winning Individual Championship Titles

Mayor Saavedra recited a Proclamation in recognition for the outstanding athletic achievements of the wrestlers and coaches, the Mayor proclaimed March 24, 2025, through March 28, 2025, as Top-Hi Wildcats Girls & Boys Wrestling Week and encouraged the Toppenish community to congratulate the young men, young women, team coaches, and volunteer coaches for their successes and bringing these honors home.

PRESENTATION

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director of the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) presented the Council with the 2024 Annual Report. Director Wickenhagen noted the programs of benefit to the City of Toppenish, the program goals, policies and opportunities to improve the quality of life for the residents by increasing the housing supply and reducing crime with the Regional Crime Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Council received no comments from the public during the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Consent Agenda items a through c:

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 100419 through 100468 and Bank Draft DFT43 through DFT45 in the total amount of \$159,681.18 dated March 24, 2025, and void check 100437
- c. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 36943 through 36950, and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3464 through EFTPR3474 in the total amount of \$287,615.85 dated March 21, 2025

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-13: A Resolution of the City of Toppenish, Washington, Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Rio Foltz, PLLC, for Hearing Examiner Services.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-13. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-14: A Resolution Adopting a Public Participation Plan for Updating the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Prieto Duval to approve Resolution 2025-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-15: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Toppenish and Teamsters Local Union No. 760 (Administrative Services, Development Services, and Public Works Employees) for the Period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to approve Resolution 2025-15. 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 8:20 p.m.

ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK