

TOPPENISH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2024

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, Budget and Finance Director Adam Vaughn (FD Vaughn), Chief of Police Joseph Mehline, Interim Public Works Director Shaun Burgess, Community Economic Development Director Andrew Hattori, Information Technologies Services Manager Van Donley, Fire Captain Dale Northrup, Firefighter Trevor Oswalt, Firefighter Richard Lilienthal, Firefighter Eric Ihnen, Firefighter Dustin Crist, 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 December 9, 2024, 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 November 25, 2024, Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of the December 2, 2024, Study Session
- c. Approve Payroll Check Numbers 36852 through 36860, and Electronic Transfers EFTPR3386 through EFTPR3395 in the total amount of \$239,504.01 dated December 6, 2024
- d. Approve Claims Checks Numbers 99936 through 99988 and Electronic Transfers EFTAP434 through EFTAP436 in the total amount of \$96,697.71 dated December 9, 2024

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-18 Into the Record: An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Operating Budget and Amending Ordinance 2023-12 for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to adopt Ordinance 2024-18. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-19 Into the Record: An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Budget for the City of Toppenish, Washington.

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Belton to adopt Ordinance 2024-19. Motion carried. Councilmember Morfin voted no.

Mayor Saavedra Read Ordinance 2024-20 Into the Record: An Ordinance Repealing Sections 2.20.030 and 2.20.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code, to Replace the Chief of the Police Department and the Chief of the Fire Department With a Public Safety Director Who Shall be Responsible for Supervising all Employees of the Police and Fire Departments, and Who Shall have Authority to Delegate Civil Infraction Enforcement Matters to City Employees.

Mayor Pro Tem Belton moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to adopt Ordinance 2024-20. Motion carried. Councilmember Morfin voted no.

Discussion to Cancel the Regular Meeting on December 23, 2024.

Councilmember Garza moved, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez to Cancel the Regular Meeting on December 23, 2024. 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 7:47 p.m.

ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, MAYOR

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, CITY CLERK