

**NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 23, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
City Hall 407 Birch Ave SW, Napavine

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**REGULAR MEETING:** Mayor Sayers called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 pm. and led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:** Council members present were: Jenifer Slemm, LaVerne Haslett, and Jim McNelly

**AGENDA:** *Councilor Slemm moved to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Councilor McNelly, motion passed unanimously*

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:** None, however, at this point the Mayor introduced a potential Councilmember, Brooke Brooling to the Council. Councilor Slemm stated that since this wasn't on the agenda and the members hadn't had time to prepare, she suggested that Ms. Brooling attend the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for a formal introduction and question and answer session. This met with favor from the full Council.

**STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Bryan Morris, Public Works Director – Bryan provided an update that things are going well, and that today he closed Mill Road until further notice, stating he'd had good and bad feedback from the community.

Chris Salyers, Police Chief – Chief Salyers stated that things were going well with his dual-roll with the city and fire district, and noted that the fire district may want to make the arrangement more long-term. With the funds coming in from the fire district he would like to restore the Reserve Officer Program, for which he received the blessing of the Council.

Mayor Sayers

- 1) Commented on and thanked Councilor Slemm for her involvement with the Lewis County EDC, SWW EDC and the Chehalis River Basis Authority.
- 2) Stated that with the \$24,000 budgeted for a part-time position this year in Public Works, the money would be used for the

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following: Increase two (2) of the 32 hour/week employees to 40 hours/week making their work week Mon-Friday, increase the building inspector's hours from 24 to 32 hours/week, and increase the community development administrative assistant's hourly wage by \$2.00, all effective March 7th.

- 3) Stated that we're still encouraging citizens to apply for a position on the Council, stating that we have until the end of March to fill the two (2) vacant positions. We don't want to get into a position where the County makes that decision for us.

Penny Jo Haney, City Clerk

- 1) Informed the Council that Love's, Ramblin Jacks and Frosty's liquor licenses were due to expire within 90-days and asked if Council had any opposition, which they did not.
- 2) Informed the Council that Steve Ashley was chosen by the Evergreen Rural Water Authority to be awarded the "Water Operate" award of the year, and that they would be presenting that to him in Yakima tomorrow. We will have further details after that to report. Penny Jo stated that this is a competitive and highly recognized award.
- 3) Business licenses are at 75% renewal rate, and 2<sup>nd</sup> notices were sent out last week. We received application for a new business, and once approved through the Community Development department, I'll process the business license. They are moving from Chehalis to Napavine and sell utility trailers and sheds.
- 4) A business in Napavine called today stating that they were considering moving their business out of Napavine because they could not get adequate internet coverage for their agents to be efficient, and felt it the responsibility of the city to get additional providers into Napavine. He also wants to know why he has to pay "commercial" rates for his water and sewer vs. a residential rate, particularly since he uses very little water. I told him that I couldn't answer that question but would ask and get back to him.

**COUNCIL MINUTES:** *Councilor McNelly moved to approve the Minutes of February 9, 2016, seconded by Councilor Slem, motion passed unanimously.*

**VOUCHERS:** *Councilor Haslett moved to approve the vouchers as presented for February 23, 2016; Voucher payments #33102/33140 for \$32,337.02; Electronic Payment 2-16-16/2-18-16 for \$481.05 and 2-18-16 for \$29,914.00; No Voided checks, total distribution of*

**\$62,732.07, seconded by Councilor McNelly, motion passed unanimously.**

**EXPRESS IRONWORKS  
ESTIMATE:**

Cris Dodd explained that the estimate was to repair the chain link fencing for each of the six (6) dugouts at the Community Park fields. The dugouts were originally constructed by volunteers approximately 2 seasons ago; however, the dugouts are failing and unsafe. Councilor Slempp asked if the dugouts were originally inspected and Bryan stated that as the inspector at that time, he had inspected them and were good at that time. **Councilor Haslett moved to approve the Express Ironworks estimate to repair the dugouts in the amount of \$916.30, seconded by Councilor Slempp, motion passed unanimously.**

**MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL  
HAZARD MITIGATION  
PLAN & SET PUBLIC  
HEARING:**

Cris explained that this is a renewal for the next five (5) years for Napavine to be included in the Lewis County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is required for all local governments to have a FEMA-approved plan in order to apply for and/or receive grants for disasters, and requested a public hearing be set. **Councilor McNelly moved to set a public hearing for the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, seconded by Councilor Slempp, motion passed unanimously.** Penny Jo stated that she would have a resolution prepared for that meeting.

**BUS LANE  
IMPROVEMENTS:**

Cris explained that this was in follow up to the Council approving several months ago where Napavine gave right-of-way to Napavine Assembly of God and Napavine School District of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between E. Rathburn and E. Melrose St, and E. Melrose between 2<sup>nd</sup> NE and 3<sup>rd</sup> NE. The proposed bus lane improvement plan in 3 phases presented is for the school district to move forward with establishing the bus lane and start work. **Councilor Slempp moved to approve the Bus Lane Improvements Plan and start of work, seconded by Councilor McNelly, motion passed unanimously.**

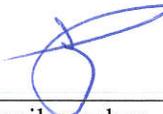
**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** N/A

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Councilor Slemm moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor McNelly, motion passed unanimously.* Mayor Sayers adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Sayers  
Mayor

  
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Councilmember

  
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Penny Jo Haney  
City Clerk