



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 28, 2017, 6:00 PM  
City Hall 407 Birch Ave SW, Napavine, WA

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Sayers led the flag salute. Mayor Sayers called the recessed meeting to order from February 21, 2017 at 6:00. It will be a short meeting due to no quorum.

**ROLL CALL:** Councilor Slemph and Sullivan are present. Lack of quorum, Mayor Sayers deferred to City Attorney Mark Scheibmeir.

Mr. Scheibmeir stated that the jurisdiction of the appointments of the three open council positions has been invoked to Governor Jay Inslee's Office. The information of the six applicants for the three open positions will be forwarded to his office. Due to lack of quorum tonight's business is limited. All business will be recessed until such time there is a quorum of the city council. The County has expressed their willingness to assist the City in any way and to thank them of their willingness to assist in any way.

There was a question of the legitimacy of the date of our meeting date last week as there was a difference of opinion. Mr. Scheibmeir on behalf of the city tendered that question to Municipal Research (MRSC) whom is the highest opinion or authority to municipal governments, and through their Senior Council they supported the city's meetings were valid to meet on the Third Tuesday's of the month. MRSC also conferred that all actions taken by council last year are valid and nice to have that assurance.

Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan Meyer suggested that as a protective step for any question to the legitimacy of the validity of last week's meeting that the appointment of Mr. Sullivan to Council Position #2 to re-appoint him to that seat and no injury to appoint him at a second meeting. One of the agenda items the city can attend to tonight is to re-appoint Mr. Sullivan and recommend to the Mayor and Council Ms. Slemph, to do so at this time. Mayor Sayers gaveled the outbursts in the audience. Mr. Haslett objected to this and stated that the Mayor is not a governing body of the council and has no authority to vote and stated "I guess we will have to go to court." Mayor Sayers gaveled Mr. Haslet and asked if he was done.

Mayor Sayers directed City Clerk Haney to perform the Oath of Office to Mr. Sullivan to the seat of Council Position #2.

**VOUCHERS:** Mr. Scheibmeir stated the city can pay certain bills, and those are budgeted items, contracted debt and payroll. The council can ratify the vouchers to pay those budgeted items including contracted debt. Inaudible of any motions. Councilors Slemph, Sullivan and the Mayor are signing the vouchers; Mr. Mike Hamilton asked what is being signed, Mayor Sayers asked him to be quiet.

Mr. Scheibmeir stated the vouchers have been taken care of and to preserve the meeting, recommend that the city continue to recess the regular meeting on a weekly basis; and recess the regular meeting until next Tuesday or to continue until there is a quorum.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Sayers recessed the meeting until March 7th at 6 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**John Sayers, Mayor**

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**Council Member**

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**Mary Wood, Interim City Clerk**