



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 10, 2021, 6:00 P.M.  
Napavine City Hall, 407 Birch Ave SW, Napavine, WA

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Shawn O'Neill called regular city council meeting to order at 6:00

**INVOCATION:**

Invocation was led by Bryan Morris

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Shawn O'Neill led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council members present Shawn O'Neill Mayor, Don Webster Councilor #1, Larry Stafford Councilor #2, LaVerne Haslett Councilor #3, Heather Stewart Councilor #4, Duane Crouse Councilor #5.

City staff members present: City Clerk- Rachelle Denham, Treasurer -Mary Wood, PW/Community Dev -Bryan Morris, Police Dept-Sergeant Steve Dawes & Judy Godbey, Jim Buzzard-Legal Counsel.

**CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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| <b>MOVED:</b>                    | Don Webster                          | Motion: Approval of Agenda- Amended Adding Letter from Napavine Booster Club #6 on Agenda |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>                 | Heather Stewart                      |   |
| <i>Discussion: No Discussion</i> |                                      |   |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>      | 5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay. |   |

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

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| <b>MOVED:</b>                    | Larry Stafford                       | Motion: Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting from July 27, 2021 |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>                 | Heather Stewart                      |   |
| <i>Discussion: No Discussion</i> |                                      |   |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>      | 5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay. |   |

**STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Mayor-Shawn O'Neill

- Everyone is doing a knockout job, working hard and the city hall is looking good.

Public Works/Comm Development- Bryan Morris

- Shared that Mayme Shaddock Park was brought up at the last council meeting and a decision has to be made on the main kitchen, whether to have an L shape wing or just keep it as is. The mayor asked the clerk to schedule a meeting or add to the budget workshop as an action item.

Legal Counsel- Jim Buzzard

- Burlingame Property has had a judgement on it. There was a legal challenge on it and originally was supposed to be up for sale on July 16, 2021. The Sheriff's Office will execute the sale of the property on August 13, 2021, at the Lewis County Court House.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**VOUCHERS- M WOOD:**

*Total Voucher Numbers 36986-37014 \$114,716.32; Payroll Vouchers -0-; Electronic Payments dated 8/1/21-8/11/21 - \$172.52; Electronic Payroll payment date 8/5/2021 - \$8,565.17; ACH deposit dates 8/5/2021 Direct Deposit - \$21,317.35. Vouchers Grand Total = \$144,771.36*

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| <b>MOVED:</b>                    | Don Webster                          | Motion: Approval of the Vouchers dated:<br>August 10, 2021 |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>                 | Duane Crouse                         |  |
| <i>Discussion: No Discussion</i> |                                      |  |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>      | 5-0 Motion Carried; 5 aye and 0 nay. |  |

**Commitment of Support Letter**

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| <b>MOVED:</b>                    | Don Webster                          | Motion: To sign commitment of support letter |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>                 | Larry Stafford                       |  |
| <i>Discussion: No Discussion</i> |                                      |  |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>      | 5-0 Motion Carried; 5 aye and 0 nay. |  |

**WASPC Law Enforcement Updates:** Steve & Judy presented a packet of bills passed by the Washington State Legislature during the 2021 Regular Session (January 11, 2021 - April 25, 2021). The laws went into effect on July 25, 2021. Judy commented that with some of these changes it has tied officer's hands in many ways, and they can respond to calls, this will look differently. The mayor said that we want to be present. If anyone has questions or would like more details, please call, or stop by the police department. Councilor LaVerne Haslett expressed that everyone needs to be more involved in what government is doing. She finds it very appalling with some of the laws that were passed and feels many businesses in the State of Washington will think differently once they realize how these new laws will affect them with increase in criminal activity. It's time that the citizens of the State of WA for the citizens' State of America to stand up and say we oppose a government that violates the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The citizens of Napavine can go up to the state capital and voice their opinion. LaVerne would like the city to come together and make regular reports on what the legislation is doing and make an effort to know who we are voting for.

**Well #6 Water Treatment**

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| <b>MOVED:</b>   | LaVerne Haslett                      | Motion: Approve treatment materials for Well #6 |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>  | Larry Stafford                       |   |
| <i>Discussion: If you see the truck at the treatment plant stop in and take a look at the facility and whoever is there will go over the treatment process.</i> |                                      |   |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>   | 5-0 Motion Carried; 5 aye and 0 nay. |   |

**Toussaint Variance**

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| <b>MOVED:</b>  | Heather Stewart   | Motion: Deny Variance Request |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>   | LaVerne Haslett   |                               |
| <i>Discussion: Sally was asked to come up and speak. She didn't have anything prepared but shared that this is close to her heart. She has a 2008 manufactured home in Tumwater, currently in a park. Her goal is to place it on land she found in Napavine. She is asking for a variance to be able to place her 2008 mobile home within the city limits. Jim Buzzard, Legal Counsel shared his legal opinion. Per the letter from Buzzard's office, he states the Applicant's request to site a 2008 mobile home on the Subject Property, contrary to NMC 17.84.020(B)(6), does not meet the criteria for a Variance under NMC 17.80.040. Therefore, the city should deny the Request.</i> |   |                               |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>  | 3-2 Motion Carried; 3 ayes (LaVerne Haslett-aye, Heather Stewart-aye, and Duane Crouse- aye) and 2 nays (Don Webster-nay and Larry Stafford-nay). |                               |

**Napavine Booster Club**

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| <b>MOVED:</b>  | Don Webster                          | Motion: Bryan to support and work with Booster club for painting of paw prints on the Rowell Street leading to the school. |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>   | Duane Crouse                         |  |
| <i>Discussion: Letter was dropped off at the city hall and was read during council meeting by the mayor.</i> |                                      |  |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>  | 5-0 Motion Carried; 5 aye and 0 nay. |  |

**CITIZEN COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

- Paula Sandirk: Paula thanked LaVerne and Larry for their long-term service to the city. She also read a letter to the council expressing her concerns about bullying. Paula mentioned that there are handbooks from AWC on the conduct and roles of elected officials. She stated to council her opinion that they need to address the situation before lawsuits are filed which could cause the City insurance coverage to rise.

**Good of the Order:**

- The mayor thanked Mary Wood, Treasurer for her 25 years of service to the city of Napavine. Rachelle, City Clerk provide Mary with a certificate of years of service. The mayor presented a plaque for years of service to Mary.
- A gentleman stood up and handed out documents to the city council. The mayor asked if the texts that were sent to him are included. The gentleman handed a copy to Jim Buzzard, city attorney. The mayor commented that if anyone would like to reach out to him to get the context, please reach out to him.
- Jerry Graham-295 Kirkland Rd: Spoke about the documents that were handed out by the prior gentleman and spoke about that gentleman drugging and taking advantage of his daughter years ago. The situation escalated between Mr. Graham, the gentleman, and others in the crowd and Officer Dawes intervened to stop the verbal interactions and the city attorney also advised them to stop.
- Josh Kelly-117 Vernon Rd (?): Stated that he grew up in the city of Napavine and was brought up to lead by example. He thinks that the mayor should express the context in front of all of us now. The mayor responded that it was inappropriate to discuss in this setting. Josh acknowledged that people make mistakes, but that we all should own up to them and make it right.

- Most of the interactions and comments after the gentleman stood up and handed out the documents are inaudible and not included.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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| <b>MOVED:</b>                                     | Don Webster                          | Motion: To Adjourn |
| <b>SECONDED:</b>                                  | Duane Crouse                         |                    |
| <i>Discussion: Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.</i> |                                      |                    |
| <b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>                       | 5-0 Motion Carried; 5 aye and 0 nay. |                    |

*These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is available online from [freeconferencecall.com](https://freeconferencecall.com) at the link <https://fccdl.in/C8ojHibxfh>*

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Rachelle Denham, City Clerk

Shawn O'Neill, Mayor

Councilor