



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 25, 2021 6:00 P.M.  
Napavine City Hall, 407 Birch Ave SW, Napavine, WA

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:** 6:00 pm

Invocation was led by Bryan Morris.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 6:01 pm

Mayor Shawn O'Neill led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:** 6:02 pm

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

City staff members present: Public Works / Community Development Director Bryan Morris, Treasurer Mary Wood, Police Department Judy Godbey, Executive Assistant and Steve Dawes, Sergeant

Mayor O'Neill asked for the agenda to be amended to move the Appointment of Council Position #5 and Oath of Office to New Business Item #3.

**CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** 6:03 pm

<b>MOVED:</b>	Don Webster	Motion: Approval of Agenda as Amended for May 25, 2021.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Heather Stewart	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

**COUNCIL POSITION #5 INTERVIEWS:** (Note due to technical difficulties the recording did not record the interviews.)

City Treasurer Mary Wood called the applicants up for interviews with the City Council members and Mayor O'Neill.

Duane Crouse residing at 812 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE, Napavine. Each councilor and mayor took turns interviewing the candidate from a list of pre-determined questions. Candidate Crouse stated he would like to be involved in city government after watching his mom be involved with the City of Puyallup. He stated he recognizes the need for growth, but to keep it in reason to avoid it from exploding like it did in Puyallup.

Ivan Wiediger residing at 148 Woodard Road, Napavine. Candidate Wiediger stated that he has been a lifetime resident of Napavine and would like to get involved in city government and recognizes the need for growth but within reason.

Timothy Schmidt residing at 203 Stadium Way, Napavine. Candidate Schmidt stated that he believes his experience in the military would bring value to the council and would like to be involved in city government.

Mayor O’Neill closed the regular city council meeting at 6:32 p.m. to meet in Executive Session:

- 1) To discuss the qualifications of an applicant/candidate appointment to elective office Council Position #5 per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) for 10 minutes.
- 2) To discuss qualifications of an applicant for applicant for public employment per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

City Treasurer Mary Wood announced that the Council is extending the executive session for an additional 10 minutes at 6:52 p.m. to 7:03 pm. (Note sound started on recording at 33:20)

City Treasurer Mary Wood announced that the Council is extending the executive session for an additional 2 minutes at 7:03 pm. to 7:05 pm.

At 7:07 p.m. Mayor O’Neill called the regular city council meeting back to order following an executive session.

**OFFER FOR CHIEF OF POLICE:** 7:08 PM

Mayor O’Neill asked council for a motion to approve the offer for the candidate for Chief of Police

<b>MOVED:</b>	Don Webster	Motion: motion to approve the offer for the candidate for Chief of Police
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Heather Stewart	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay. Show of hands by all council members.	

Mayor O’Neill announced congratulations people we have a Chief of Police pending the offer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:** 7:09 pm

<b>MOVED:</b>	Don Webster	Motion: Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting from May 11, 2021
<b>SECONDED:</b>	LaVerne Haslett	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

**STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:** 7:10 pm

Mary Wood, City Treasurer; provided to council a letter the city received from a hearing center in Chehalis on behalf of the cities LEOFF I Retiree for new hearing aid with two different prices of \$5,950 and \$4,950. Councilor LaVerne Haslett made a motion to approve the purchase for which one is best medically necessary, second by Councilor Don Webster, motion carried 4-0. Mayor O’Neill stated he was one of the best officers the city has ever had in the history of Napavine.

Bryan Morris, Director of Public Works/Community Development has nothing. Mayor O’Neill commended the public works for the ball fields look great and the pressure washing the city looks great and doing a great job.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**VOUCHERS- M WOOD:**

**Total Voucher Numbers 32760-32792 - \$92,335.27; Electronic payments dated 5/11/21 – 5/31/21 -\$8,143.35; Electronic Payroll payment dated 5/13/21 – 5/14/21 - \$9,291.84 and ACH Direct Deposit 5/13/21 - \$19,905.68 Voucher Grand Total = \$129,676.14**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Don Webster	Motion: Approval of the Vouchers for May 25, 2011
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Larry Stafford	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

**Appointment City Clerk and Oath of Office:**

Mayor O’Neill would like to introduce Rachelle Denham the top candidate for City Clerk. Rachelle Denham introduced herself to the City Council, is excited to start this new journey after twenty years in banking.

<b>MOVED:</b>	LaVerne Haslett	Motion: Mayor O’Neill asked Council for confirmation to appoint Rachelle Denham to the position of City Clerk.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Heather Stewart	
<i>Discussion:</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

Mayor O’Neill sworn in Rachelle Denham as the new City Clerk.

**Appoinment Council Position #5 and Oath of Office:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	LaVerne Haslett	Motion: Appoint Duane Crouse to Council Position #5
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

Mayor O’Neill sworn in Duane Crouse to City Council Position #5. Upon the swearing into office, Duane Crouse took his seat to the city council.

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

Don Webster asked about the letter provided to the council from Dept. of Ecology regarding Statewide General Permit for Biosolids Management. Treasurer Wood reported to Council the notice came into city hall and was providing council the information that allows for comments to Dept. of Ecology until July 1, 2021. Council asked that Bryan Morris, Public Works Director receive a copy of the notice.

Treasurer Wood also provided a copy of the letter provided from Attorney Jim Buzzard regarding discussions amongst council members regarding the Open Public Meetings Act as requested during the May 11, 2021, council meeting.

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

Mike Hamilton representing Hamilton Corner I LLC, thanked Jim Haslett for his years of service for maintaining the city park and serving on the city council. Mr. Hamilton wanted to share with the council the definition of fascism of privately owned but government controlled. He is receiving notices from a group that warned stop discrimination and intimidation by the Washougal School District on website washougalmoms.com calling concerned parents regarding mandating vaccinations to underage kids without parental consent and offering a reward for vaccine with pizza.

Timothy Schmidt, 203 Stadium Way, Napavine, invited the council and all present at the council meeting to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 31, 2021, at 9:00 am to honor those veterans that lost their life serving in the military; there will be one officer to lay a wreath. The ceremony with the VFW of five members from Winlock, Vader, Napavine and Toledo presented by the American Legion with about 8 members that show up. Memorial Day is an observance for the men and women that fought and

died for this country, Veterans Day is honoring those that served in the military and Armed Forces Day is recognizing those serving in the armed forces today. Mr. Schmidt also voiced his concerns about the safety of the city during the protest of the Hamilton sign where there was a vehicle transporting a firearm M4 or AR15 across the dashboard with the muzzle pointing toward the window; that is not how to transport a weapon causing him to feel unsafe. Safety is paramount to our town and our kids.

Arnold Haberstroh appreciates the forward thinking for looking after Napavine and great community, we will have a good Police Chief and City Clerk; keep up the good work and appreciate all you are doing.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

City Treasurer announced that all council positions open for election have been filed with Lewis County Elections Office.

Mr. Andy Caldwell is at the back of the room reach out to meet him and talk with him, meet with him after the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Larry Stafford	Motion: To Adjourn at 7:44 pm
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 pm.</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.com at the link: <https://fccdl.in/eCnBdnbnEV>. Note due to technical difficulties, the recording failed to record sound approximately the first thirty (30) minutes of the council meeting.*

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Mary Wood, City Treasurer

Shawn O'Neill, Mayor

Councilor