



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 April 12, 2022, 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:

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, Brian Watson Councilor #1, Don Webster Councilor #3, Heather Stewart Councilor #4, and Duane Crouse Councilor #5.

City staff members present: City Clerk- Rachele Denham, Treasurer-Mary Wood & Michelle Whitten, PW/Comm Dev-Bryan Morris, Police Dept-John Brockmueller.

ROLL CALL:

MOVED:	Heather Stewart	Motion: To excuse Councilor Larry Stafford from council meeting.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approval of Agenda- As Presented
SECONDED:	Heather Stewart	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting from March 22, 2022
SECONDED:	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM WORKSHOP MEETING:

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Approval of Minutes of Workshop Meeting from March 22, 2022
SECONDED:	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:

City Clerk-Rachelle Denham

- Report in Writing

Police Department-John Brockmueller

- Monthly stats provided, and operations are normal.

PW/Comm Dev-Bryan Morris

- Operations are normal. The guys did a great job with the 4/11 snowstorm. RCO had phone conference and doesn't want the city to give back the grant funding. The \$350k can be used to update the bathroom. Bryan doesn't want a \$350k bathroom. The citizens deserve a nice facility at Mayme Shaddock Park. The mayor made comment that he recently attended a mayor meeting and discussion was had about working together with the county on projects that need help to be fulfilled. If a bathroom is in place with a makeshift cover it will lower the points and more than likely be there a long time. This isn't what we would want for the city.

Treasurer- Mary Wood

- Payroll portal is in place and Clerks/Treasurer's office has been using it. Will be adding the rest of department heads followed by staff. The payroll dept. will be doing training with employees. The mayor likes the new portal and being able to approve by his phone. Mary has been training her replacement, Michelle Whitten. Mary has been working on the annual report and it will be completed before she leaves in one month.

Mayor-Shawn O'Neill

- Gave thanks to special guests, Mayor Dobosh and members of Planning commission for attending the council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS- M. WOOD:

April 12, 2022, Total Voucher Numbers: 37453-37485, \$88,785.41, Payroll Voucher Numbers: 37451-37452, \$3,195.50; Electronic Payments dates EFT*20220401-05 \$862.80; Electronic Payroll Payment Dates: EFT*20220315-19 \$25,055.27; ACH Deposit Dates: 3/31/2022 Direct \$24,527.96; Vouchers Grand Total: \$142,426.94.

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Approval of the Vouchers dated April 12, 2022, 1 st Council Meeting
SECONDED:	Duane Crouse	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

Appointment of City Treasurer & Oath of Office: Michelle Whitten was sworn in by Mayor O'Neill and took Oath of Office.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04-128 – M. Wood / M. Whitten:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04-128

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NAPAVINE, WASHINGTON,
DESIGNATING THE CITY TREASURER.**

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approve Res No. 22-04-128 Designating City Treasurer
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: Separation of Mary's duties appointing Michelle Whitten as City Treasurer</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04-129– M. Wood /M. Whitten:

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT
OF CITY OF NAPAVINE MONIES IN THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL**

MOVED:	Heather Stewart	Motion: Approve Res No. 22-04-129 Local Govt Investment Pool (LGIP) Signator
SECONDED:	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

Ordinance 629-A Amending Ord. 629 Update duties of Treasurer – R. Denham:

**CITY OF NAPAVINE, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 629-A**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NAPAVINE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
SECTION 2.09.030 OF NAPAVINE MUNICIPAL CODE; UPDATING THE DUTIES OF
THE CITY TREASURER; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 629 AS NECESSARY; AND
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approve Ord. 629-A: Amending Ord.629 Updating Treasurer Duties
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

Updated Job Description for Utility Worker – R. Denham

MOVED:	Heather Stewart	Motion: Approve changes made to job description-Removed CDL requirement Class B etc.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

AM 22-03 Courtroom / Council Chambers Audio Upgrade Quote – R. Denham

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Approve AM 22-03 DESCO quote to allow upgrade
SECONDED:	Duane Crouse	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

Napavine Youth Baseball Agreement – R. Denham

MOVED:	Brian Watson	Motion: Approve Napavine Youth Baseball Annual Agreement
SECONDED:	Heather Stewart	
<i>Discussion: Bryan Morris was approached for the use of Amphitheatre during the weekend of the Fun time Festival to have some live bands perform. Would like to use the BB fields for car parking. The grounds are hard in July and plan to use field #2. The mayor asked about the use of the amphitheater for coaches to use for practice when it rains. If the coaches want to use it they can contact the city to figure out arrangements.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

Interlocal Police Department Opportunities Information – J. Brockmueller / D. Crouse:

Chief Brockmueller has been exploring the idea of joining Napavine police department with the City of Toledo police department. If this was to take place it would provide full 24 hr. police coverage to both cities and could be a cost savings to the city as well. Chief Sam Patrick and Mayor Dobosh from City of Toledo, both agree that this interlocal effort would be positive for both cities. Councilor Heather Stewart commented that she'd like to see some solid numbers of savings and benefits that it would provide Napavine. The council agreed that they would like Chief Brockmueller to further research and provide information with solid data.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Patty & Edwin Santos, 450 Meadow Ln.,** is a concerned citizen about the neighborhood kids not doing good things. She does not feel safe in her home and when she leaves. She has put up Ring camera security system all around her house because these kids come into her back yard, they destroy stuff, cuss profanities at her etc. These kids don't respect their parents, law enforcement or anyone. She asked council why the parent is not being held responsible for the kids' actions. Edwin Santos is frustrated with the kids now playing ball in the road. What if the ball hits their car? Who is responsible? Who is responsible for it? Jim Buzzard stated that it's a civil matter. Edwin works long days comes home and these kids yell profanities and calls him a Mexican. He's worried about these kids beating him up and not having the time to call 911 for help.
- Ronald aka George Reyna & Danielle Shay, 410 Meadow Ln.,** is a concerned citizen living in fear. He asked chief Brockmueller if he is safe in his home, in Napavine. Chief answered, yes. These kids are out of control and are part of a wanna be gang. He has civil/no contact order and has been dealing with this for two years. The kids violate the superior court order all the time and appears to never get in trouble or held accountable. He is sick and tired of law enforcement always saying what they can't do and would like to know what they can do. These kids are up all night in their garage tweaking, doing drugs and breaking into cars. He would like to see more law enforcement presence watching the area he lives in instead of seeing cops at the football games. He's very frustrated and upset that this is going on still and nothing is being done. Legal Counsel Jim Buzzard verified that the order is a Superior Court order, George confirmed yes. Jim Buzzard said to call law enforcement when this order is violated so a report is made. Reporting is important and builds a case. The order is for 30 ft.no contact. Chief Brockmueller related with George and apologized for what he is going through. Chief confirmed that when he has responded that it's true these

kids don't have respect for law enforcement or for their parent. It may appear that not much is happening please report it. If you have video send it in as well. Danielle expressed how this has affected her and their family. She can't eat or sleep and this is exhausting. They are overly frustrating with these kids with the ongoing bullying. Jim Buzzard asked what is it that you would like the council to do? Other than listening and bringing this to the attention of the council they can't do anything. Jim encouraged George and Danielle to continue and report the crimes. Danielle said it doesn't do any good to call the school because they aren't doing anything about it either. Jim Buzzard offered for George and Danielle to contact his office. The mayor also feels the frustration as he's been through this before. A good thing would be to maybe look at community policing, neighborhoods working together as an option and report, report, report. Councilor Heather Stewart expressed her support for their concerns and for all that is happening to the families, but the responsibility of council is to set ordinances. She would love to see the kids held accountable for their actions. The vandalism is happening all over town to include graffiti on the park overpass, shed in the baseball field area, skate park etc. George feels the police reports are so biased and feels that it should be more specific. More conversation took place amongst the audience and council.

- **Bob Bozarth, Woodard Rd.,** shared a personal story about going through the same thing in Chehalis for two and half years. Bob had called and made reports, got discouraged and felt like law enforcement was against him. Bob wrote letters to the editor of the paper. You are doing the right thing by showing up this council meeting. The end result ended up with the DEA informing him of what was really going on. They had to get three violations from the group before DEA could make their move. It turned out to be the biggest drug bust in Lewis County at that time. Bob hopes his story gives some encouragement.
- **Kiandre Crouse, 812 Third Ave.,** She is a proactive person, and her heart goes out for these people. She suggests a community watch. Asking city council, chief Brockmueller what they can do to get this set up. The mayor asked chief Brockmueller if he could get some information together and send out to the concerned citizens. He will get the information and email it out.
- **Shawna Navarrete, Fifth Ave.,** same issues as other concerned citizens. Has put up a 6 ft. ditch, been through court, she calls 911 and nobody shows up in the past. John Brockmueller is the only one who has called back and responded. Bryan put no parking signs up and the kids still drive through and kick up rocks by driving crazy. Nothing is done about it and the dad gets away with it. She's lived in this house since 1997 and shouldn't have to live like this even has cameras.
- **Amy, Third Ave.,** The kids on Meadow Lane aren't their Truancy laws? These kids don't show up for school and are always in fights. The kids are always in trouble. Chief Brockmueller commented that the kids are on probation every time they violate, they are arrested. Can't speak for the school. Advice is to continue to call and report it. Three strike law, that's up to the courts. Chief Patrick and Mayor Dobosh from Toledo expressed that the community needs to continue to work together and communicate.
- **Arnold Haberstroh, 150 My Own Lane.,** feels he made have made a wrong decision at the last planning commission meeting and it's been bothering him. He doesn't want to compound the traffic problem and wants what's best for the citizens of Napavine. He doesn't personally think that we should blow over the motion or pass/cancel ARCO truck stop until there is a solution for the traffic. Loves was a cluster and look at the mess down there now, this will just compound to it. DOT had set some recommendations that we should look at and make sure they align with what is best for the city and citizens best interest. The letter from DOT came in day of planning commission meeting. The mayor and council would like to get the letter received from DOT. Councilor Stewart would like to see the recommendation letter and feels like we shouldn't go against it. This is in the appeal period right now. At the council meeting you will have the opportunity to vote for it or against it and hold your own public hearing. Legal Counsel advised no further conversation about this until next council meeting.
- **Bryan Morris, PW/Comm Director:** Feels like we can't go against the professional engineers and DOT recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED:	Brian Watson	Motion: To Adjourn
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is available online from freeconferencecall.com at the link <https://fccdl.in/ie5QfRGuEc>

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Denham, City Clerk

Shawn O'Neill, Mayor

Councilor