



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

Napavine City Hall, 407 Birch Ave SW, Napavine, WA

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

The 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, Ivan Wiediger Councilor #2, Heather Stewart Councilor #4, Duane Crouse, Mayor Pro Tem.

**City staff members present:** City Clerk - Rachele Denham (Online) Chief of Police – John Brockmueller, CD/PW Director - Bryan Morris, Treasurer - Michelle Whitten, Legal Counsel, Jim Buzzard.

<b>MOVED:</b>	Duane Crouse	Motion: Excuse Councilor Don Webster.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

**CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approval of Meeting Minutes - Regular Council Meeting and Public Hearing: Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2025-2030 on June 25, 2024.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

**STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**John Brockmueller – Chief of Police**

- Greetings to the council, report & stats in writing, and operations normal. Getting ready for the Funtime Festival.

**Bryan Morris - PW/CD Director**

- Report in writing. Additional information: Working on the RC track. Well 2 failed again on the short-term mitigation. Will be going to advertisement for RFQ’s for hydrologist install of a new well.

**Jim Buzzard – Legal Counsel**

- Greetings.

**Duane Crouse – Mayor Pro Tem**

- Glad to have Councilor Watson back.

**Brian Watson – Councilor 1**

- Nice to be back and appreciate the support.

**Shawn O’Neill – Mayor**

- Ribbon cutting went well at the park. Working with the Lions Club and will have live music at Funtime Festival. Looking forward to the event.

**Planning Commission – Deborah Graham**

- Thanked everyone who attended the workshop. More writeup on items tabled from Katie then it will be represented. Working on utility extension and Latecomers code. Councilor Crouse thought the workshop was productive and really liked the collaboration.

**LCFD 5 – Sandra White**

- Read stats for the last two weeks. Responded to 33 EMS calls, 15 Fire, 14 others = 638 calls YTD. Levy meetings were well attended. The two engines that are out, still being worked on. Training room is considered a cooling station for hot days. Bryan would love to give water to the fire dept on hot days, the council is okay with this.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** *The recording link can be accessed for entire citizen comments. This is a brief summary and not verbatim.*

- NONE

**PLANNING COMMISSION CANDIDATES POSITION #5 INTRODUCTIONS**

- Christian Loose and Kacey Torgerson introduced themselves and were asked a question by the mayor. After discussions with the candidates the council excused themselves from the regular meeting and went to an executive session to discuss qualifications. This position is replacing Scott Collins.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-QUALIFICATION OF AN APPLICANT/CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO ELECTIVE OFFICE (RCW 42.30.110(1)(H)).**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN**

**The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:**

Accounts Payabl	73	28	34,427.53	39126-39153
Payroll Vendors	1	1	1,084.50	39125
Electronic Payme	3	3	130.02	EFT*20240707-09
Electronic Payrol	6	6	48,568.09	EFT*20240701-06
ACH Direct Depo	17	17	38,108.04	direct deposit 7/05/2024
<b>Total Vouchers</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>122,318.18</b>	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approval of the Vouchers dated July 2024 First Council Meeting.
<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.	

**APPOINTMENT & CONFIRMATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION POS#5 – MAYOR**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Duane Crouse	Motion: Appoint Kacey Torgerson to Planning Commission Position #5.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	3-1 Motion Carried; 3 aye and 1 Abstained, Heather Stewart.	

**AM 24-09: 1049 RUSH RD (BETTS) WELL USE FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES ONLY – B. MORRIS**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Accept AM 24-09 to keep well for irrigation purposes.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Duane Crouse	
<p><i>Discussion: Legal council asked what that does for water rights. Director Morris stated that it has no impact and doesn't come back to us. Refer to Code 13.02.030. in your opinion no water rights to the well. The code should be worked on per Bryan Morris. This will more than likely become an unperfected well. In Bryan's opinion only, all commercial businesses should have a 1'in meter placed with a backflow check and go on the city water for irrigation. There are many ways to look at this and that is why Bryan didn't ask for a motion. Mayor O'Neill asked legal about water rights. As stated earlier it doesn't affect the city really either way. Mayor Pro Tem asked how many properties have a similar situation? Bryan Morris answered that there is one other that is active. Councilor Stewart asked if we have forced anyone else to decommission a well? Bryan answered, no we don't force anyone. Councilor Stewart asked for clarification, we don't anticipate other properties that are going to have to hook up to city water. Director Morris stated that we are running out of properties like this one. Councilor Wiediger asked what the difference is between a perfected well and unperfected well. If the well is used for irrigation purposes, will it remain perfected, Director Morris answered yes. Director Morris stated that in the Comp Plan and the UGA there will be several wells at that point. Continued conversation took place.</i></p>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

**INTERAGENCY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT (IAA25267) AOC BLAKE GRANT EXTENSION – R. DENHAM**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Accept Interagency Reimbursement Agreement AOC Blake Grant Extension.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Duane Crouse	
<p><i>Discussion: Councilor Stewart stated that she sees some issues if we were to do a batch and the funds were to go away. The courts can choose to use the agreement. legal counsel stated the agreement itself is not harmless. Legal counsel is not a fan of this but it's up to the court. Clerk Rachelle stated that this agreement has been in place and just expired so this is an extension to that grant.</i></p>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	3-1 Motion Carried; 3 aye and 1 nay, Brian Watson.	

**.09 GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY & CITY OF NAPAVINE: \$400,000 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR JEFFERSON STATION – R. DENHAM & B. MORRIS**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Heather Stewart	Motion: Approve .09 Agreement between Lewis County and City of Napavine for additional funding for Jefferson Station.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Duane Crouse	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

**ADJOURNMENT:**

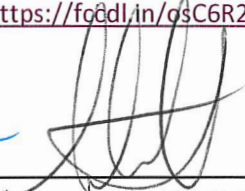
<b>MOVED:</b>	Duane Crouse	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: Meeting Adjourned at 7:11p.m.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

*These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is available online from [freeconferencecall.com](http://freeconferencecall.com) or at the link <https://fcdl.in/g3C6R2iNTH>.*

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Denham, City Clerk



Shawn O'Neill, Mayor



Councilor