

## NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 2009~6:30 P.M.  
City Hall, 407 Birch Avenue SW, Napavine

### **REGULAR MEETING-6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Bozarth at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Councilmembers present: Larry Stafford, Ken Williams, John Sayers, and Councilor Paula Sandirk. Motion by Paula Sandirk to excuse Councilman Dave Williams, second by Councilman Ken Williams, Motion carried.

**FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was lead by Mayor Bozarth.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** Motion by Councilman John Sayers to approve the minutes of the last meeting, second by Councilman Ken Williams, motion carried.

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

Community Development Director Steve Ashley reported receiving the priority list for the youth baseball, covered by contract from the city to conduct baseball activities during the spring months. They have submitted their priority list as requested of them. He asked for it to be put on the agenda for approval. He reported the design criteria for the apartment complex concept has been submitted , met all criteria from standards, staff review, will need to be on agenda for next meeting.

Councilman Ken Williams asked about a badge for retired Chief Clements, that Shellby had indicated he will pay for it. He also inquired of Steve about Twisted Vine moving across the street, that he had talked to her and she said she was told the city would want a five year lease. Steve relayed his conversation with her, that he had told her that the city would probably want a five year lease, but she should discuss it with them. The dollar amount is bound by requirements. Mayor Bozarth asked if use by public entity would work, like a library. Councilman Ken Williams stated for lights and heat. He also stated that shortfalls in the budget need to be looked at to run things efficiently. He also asked for sewer rates to be placed on the agenda, as well as the old city hall. Councilor Sandirk stated that on March 13<sup>th</sup> the attorney was appointed without confirmation and according to Ordinance 289 it requires confirmation. Discussion about the ordinance . Mayor Bozarth read the RCW and offered that he doesn't believe Ordinance 289 requires confirmation; continued to next meeting. Discussion about adopting an ordinance that required confirmation of clerk and attorney, no action taken. Councilor Sandirk asked that the letter regarding the assessment center be placed on the agenda. She also stated that salaries are over the budget. Clerk/Treasurer LaVerne Haslett asked again that she come in the office to bring up these items so that she can get an explanation that is beyond what can be done at a council meeting.

Mayor Bozarth read the clerk's report aloud, (made a part of these minutes).Clerk/Treasurer LaVerne Haslett suggested we start on the 2010 budget with the best figures we have. Mayor Bozarth also

brought to the council and citizens his plan to install flags, lining the downtown street, and asked for input. They would be purchased through donation and a plaque installed to indicate the donor.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS** Citizen Jim McNelly asked if the city had applied for the stimulus cops money. Mayor Bozarth stated there were two grants; we are unable to make the proper connections for the first one but he understands there is another one due in May. We are working on that. There is a condition that requires support of the position after the grant has expired. Citizen Jim Haslett stated that he had been appointed by the Mayor to a citizen's advisory sewer committee and wanted to know if he would have an opportunity to speak on the agenda. Mayor Bozarth responded that yes, he thought sewer rates would be on the agenda. Citizen Tim Edmonds stated that his water and sewer bill for February and March reflect large quantities of water based on having to run the water during freezing weather to avoid freezing of the 1200' line that is above ground. Motion by Councilor Paula Sandirk to adjust the billing, second by Councilman Ken Williams, motion carried. Tim Edmonds expressed appreciation for looking at sewer rates to try to lower rates.

**SETTING OF AGENDA** Motion by Councilman Ken Williams to set the agenda with the additions of Old Business (B) Sewer Rates, New Business (B) Lease Agreement for old city hall (C) Approval of Baseball priority list, and (D) Assessment Center, second by Councilor Paula Sandirk, motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**PARK STREET** Public Works Director Steve Ashley explained concept of the flow of making Park Street one-way, stated the school was in favor of plan and it would cost approximately \$3,500. There was discussion about how much the school would do which school Superintendent Doug Skinner stated he knew they would contribute. Motion by Councilor Sandirk to approve the concept and get the school to pay as much as possible, second by Councilman John Sayers, motion carried.

**SEWER RATES** Councilman Ken Williams asked what we can do alleviate the need for \$136,000 for next year in the sewer fund. Citizen Jim Haslett stated that he has been reviewing the processes and rates, etc. and attempted to give a history of why things are the way they are including the purchase of 12% of the treatment plant. Mayor Bozarth ended the conversation because of the disruptive nature. Councilor Sandirk stated she had been refused to be on the committee. Citizen Jim McNelly stated "that is because you are on the council. This is a citizen advisory committee, being formed to advise you of their findings." Motion by Councilor Sandirk to direct the mayor to start on 2010 budget figures, second by Councilman Ken Williams, motion carried.

**FUNTIME PERMITS** Public Works Director Steve Ashley stated this item doesn't need council action; it is only information to them that Funtime will be taking place the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July. Also indications are that burnouts will be held the following weekend.

**LEASE AGREEMENT** Public Works Director Steve Ashley commented it would help staff to know what the council wanted in regards to leasing the old city hall. Motion by Councilman John Sayers to give Steve the authority to lease city hall at the rate of \$1.00 per ft on month to month if necessary, paying water and sewer, or to non-profit as long they pay the utilities, second by Councilman Ken Williams, discussion. The motion was amended to give the mayor the authority with a possibility of separating the up and down portion of city hall, second by Councilman Larry Stafford, discussion on the amendment about if it became a money issue such as remodel it would come back to council; question, motion carried. Discussion on the original motion, motion carried.

**BASEBALL PRIORITY**

**LIST** Motion by Councilor Paula Sandirk to approve the priority list for the baseball program as presented by Public Works to be included in the Capital Plan, second by Councilman John Sayers, motion carried.

**ASSESSMENT CENTER** Civil Service Chair Jim Pea made a presentation to the council about using an Assessment Center to hire a Police Chief. He explained to the council that they had been given a \$1,200 budget for 2009, half of which goes to pay the Civil Service Secretary. A request was made to appropriate an additional \$5,500 for 2009 for testing process. Discussion. Motion by Councilman John Sayers to proceed with assessment center, second by Councilman Ken Williams, motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**VOUCHERS** Motion by Councilman Larry Stafford to approve vouchers in the amount of \$247,095.16, second by Councilman Ken Williams, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion by Councilman Larry Stafford to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., second by Councilman Ken Williams, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Mayor

Councilmember