

# NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL

**April 13, 2010 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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

Regular City Council Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Nicholas Bozarth called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:** The flag salute was led by Mayor Nicholas Bozarth.

**ROLL CALL:** All city council members present: Richard Rouse, Aaron Brandt, John Sayers, Robert Wheeler, Dave Williams and Mayor Nicholas Bozarth.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Councilor John Sayers to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written, second by Councilor Aaron Brandt. Motion by Councilor Richard Rouse to adopt the minutes with amendment to change lease to leasee in the section of lease agreement with Julie's Little Tykes Daycare, second by Councilor Robert Wheeler. Called to vote to amend the motion, motion carried unanimously 5-0. Discussion. Called to vote to approve the minutes with the amendment, motion carried unanimously 5-0.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mayor questioned the report is it based on the budget amendment. Clerk Treasurer stated the report is based on the actual expenditures and revenues. Councilor Robert Wheeler stated the question is are the figures based on the amended budget or the original budget. The budget does not add up, the department totals are not accurate. The percentages are not accurate. The expenditure report is wrong, the budget program needs modification and Clerk Treasurer reported that Toni Nelson from the Small Cities Assistance program from the Auditor's Office showed her how to correct the programming of the budget program. Motion by Councilor Dave Williams to not accept the financial report and table for a later date once the budget program is modified, second by Councilor John Sayers. Mayor Nicholas Bozarth advised to get the budget committee together and meet with the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer. Called to vote: Richard Rouse – aye, Aaron Brandt – aye, Robert Wheeler – aye, John Sayers – aye, Dave Williams – aye.

## **MAYOR/COUNCIL**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Clerk-Treasurer Mary Todd** reported that on Thursday, April 8, 2010, Officer Silas Elwood and her will be interviewing candidates for the records clerk position most of the day. **Public Works Director Steve Ashley** reported the Arborvitae trees are ordered and will be installed as soon as the area dries out. **Councilor Robert Wheeler** will have summary reports of the budget for the finance committee so they will have something to work with. **Councilor Dave Williams** reported that he read a report from Burlington Northern and the State on the increased speed of trains passing thru Napavine. Steve Ashley stated the city received a letter some time ago regarding the train speeds. The passenger trains speed limit is 70-75 mph and the freight trains are 60-mph. Concerned for the safety at the crossing and who is responsible for an incident. **Mayor Nicholas Bozarth** thanked the volunteers that have helped us with 374 hours from January 2010, to date. We had six (6) volunteers assist us with coping, answer phones, utility billing, receipts, custodial, dog license, etc. In addition to those number there was seven (7) people volunteered 98 hours helping in the police dept. and will come back to volunteer more hours. Mayor Bozarth thanked the community for stepping up to help where they can and much appreciated.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

This is an opportunity for the citizens to address the council, for a limit of three minutes, citizens need to come up front, state their name and address and may address the council once. Mayor Bozarth called the citizens wishing to address council from a sign up list. **Candy Coons, 812 W Grand Blvd;** questioned council if there is any plans in the future to provide a discount for low income senior citizens. Their last bill was \$293.00 for her and her husband and it is not garden season yet. How do low income widows manage with their water bills? **Cheryl Williams, Alder in Napavine;** address council on the proposing to the Harrison Street opening, there are two other openings to the park and have added additional parking and to add a third entrance is ludicrous and to add another entrance makes it hard to police and increase traffic on a small street that is not used much now. When it was open and people would walk in and out causing a problem with garbage and urination in that area. Propose to leave the street closed. **Gerry Matson, 521 W Washington Street,** doesn't know the reason to open the street in the first place. Councilor Robert Wheeler stated reason to open because it is a public right of way and it should not be blocked off in his opinion and open to businesses of Frosty's, and Plaza. Gerry Matson stated it was closed for a purpose due to littering, mischief. There are only five concerts, why not wait and see if needed after the concerts are done and if it is needed and spend money that you don't have. Councilor Robert Wheeler asked

to wait to see his adjustment idea to opening the road. **Betty Williams Fox** gave letter back to the Mayor that was sent certified letter to her in Yuma, AZ. She had nothing parked there on the street. The city has never put a rock on that street, the only thing the city did was put a water line in that area. She has lived here since 1938 and she has a map showing the sidewalk in the middle of the street, parking at Plaza in the city street, two dormers above the city street. The reason we don't want it open is because people were falling in the ditch, drinking, littering. Who's going to guard the streets? We don't even have a police dept. to guard the three entrance to the street. **Louis Callaman** - Betty said it, where are you going to get the money to hire police to monitor the entrance. **Karen** – no she said it all. **Holly Glenn, 103 W Harrison**, would like to add what Betty said not only for the purpose of the concerts I have seen people going through there drinking, littering, human waste in bushes, smoke drugs and when the train is blocking the road, the people drive fast through there and what kid will be hit. **Thomas Glenn** – no. **Reggie Hamilton, 311 Hamilton Road**, not sure if on the agenda. His family had the feed store and shop there since 1970 when they started on the city property with 3 feet deep of water and was pretty much a swamp. Back then there were not rules and regulations on wet lands where they done all the filling of rock and drains in behind the Quonset hut and added sediment pond behind the feed store which PUD owns behind that. They would like to continue to lease that and have worked with the city to allow them to hold the Yard Waste Disposal.

**SETTING OF AGENDA:** Motion by Councilor Robert Wheeler to add under Old Business Item B. Harrison Street Right of Way to the agenda, second by Councilor John Sayers, motion carries unanimously 5-0. Motion by Councilor Robert Wheeler to set agenda with the addition, second by Councilor Dave Williams, motion carries unanimously 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Well #6:**

Public Works Director Steve Ashley is asking council to close the drilling of Well #6. We received the water samples back, it turned out better than we thought, there was no iron and manganese actually turned out to be pretty good water. Passed the bacteria test right up front. The one thing that it did trigger, there is no state requirement on sodium, the well actually produced more sodium than expected, sodium meaning salt. We believe is that because it is Artesian flow salt was added to the water and it did not settle to the bottom of the stream, we did not get it all out. Basically what is being recommended is to pump it for two weeks at a low flow of 10 gallons per minute and retest the well again for the sodium. That's all good news. The contractor would like to put in for his

retainage. Councilor Dave Williams asked if there is anything else that needs to be done with the well head and is there a way to treat sodium if the levels stay the same. Steve Ashley stated yes there is by chlorination and filtration. The cost is anywhere about \$10,000 for an injector pump for chlorination and \$50,000 for a filtration system. The well will easily produce up to 400 gallons per minute with very little drawdown and recovery time which is well over what we need. Motion by Councilor John Sayers to close out Well #6, second by Councilor Dave Williams. Called to vote: Richard Rouse – aye, Aaron Brandt – aye, Robert Wheeler – aye, John Sayers – aye, Dave Williams – aye. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**B. Harrison Street  
Right of Way:**

Councilor Robert Wheeler stated he has been here since 2001 and has volunteered a lot of his time and money promoting Napavine to bring new business to Napavine as Economic Development coordinator. Before he got on the Council he was harassed by citizens for the vehicles parked on the Harrison Street. Councilor Wheeler proposes to have less impact on the street with less impact on the residence to have the street opened up for pedestrian traffic and had drawn up a map. Public Works Director Steve Ashley explained the map drawing to all present. Whatever happens there Mrs. Williams will always have access there; no parking on that street does not work. The shop was placed there earlier than the 80's and the house was put in behind it. She graveled that area of the road. Instead of an open thoroughfare why not open it up to pedestrians only. Steve Ashley stated we propose to the Napavine Sertoma Club to place an archway sign similar to the pedestrian overpass sign at the entrance. The idea is to provide 15 feet next to Betty Williams home for parking and 10 feet for a no parking zone and leave an opening to the park and a section at the archway to allow access for emergency vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances etc. to go through there. Mayor Bozarth stated that he has not heard anything from the Sertoma Club that they have committed to do that. Councilor Robert Wheeler stated he went to the Sertoma Club meeting and suggested to them to put an arch there but there is no guarantee the Sertoma Club will provide a sign. There's interest to promote business because we need the business and the sales tax. Steve Ashley advised council at the last meeting that if they open up the street there is no money to bring the street up to standards. Councilor Dave Williams stated he has had to police the area himself with picking up trash, drug paraphernalia, human feces, etc. Why open the access when we can't police it. The city does not have the money to build the street right now. Suggestion to put sidewalk in to the north entrance and corner if you put the sidewalk

in it is an improvement to the street. Councilor Robert Wheeler suggested to put pedestrian path to the center to direct pedestrians away from the homes and safe for people to walk and residence safety. Motion by Councilor Dave Williams to open for public comment with a limit of two minutes, second by Councilor John Sayers, called to vote three ayes and one nay Richard Rouse, three ayes to one nay, motion carries. Councilor Richard Rouse opposed because council talked about it at the last meeting where he abstained from voting because he did not have enough information. This drawing is the first time of seeing this map and feels a little bush wacked. There are a lot of issues here at stake To modify city property is what it boils down to. Number one the city does not have the money to safely separate the pedestrians from traffic; we don't have the money to improve the road to standards to municipal code; and don't have the money to police the foot traffic to go through there, and Mr. Williams shared with us the results of that foot traffic through there whether is it good or bad it doesn't matter, we can't police it ensure safety of the pedestrians. The reason I voted no is because we don't need any more citizen comment we should leave it the way it is until we have the money to do it right. He also lives in an area where he gets a lot of foot traffic and always has to police the alley behind his home too of garbage. Motion by Councilor Dave Williams to rescind his previous motion to allow public comment, second by Councilor John Sayers. Discussion, Councilor Aaron Brandt stated it's a good idea to allow pedestrians to go to the stores and restaurants, etc. and feels the same as Councilor Richard Rouse to wait until we can afford to do it right. Called to question, motion carried unanimously 5-0. Motion by Councilor Dave Williams to keep the fence as it to maintain security for the property owners in that area, second by Councilor John Sayers. Discussion Councilor John Sayers states the first thought of when this topic came up last week is the city has no money to improve the street, best to wait until we have the money to improve the street and have the police force to patrol then look at the subject again. Councilor Richard Rouse is in favor to wait until funds are available for an engineering design on what it's going to look like and how to open the road. Councilor Aaron Brandt suggested a compromise to gate the area to allow another route for emergency services. Public Works Director Steve Ashley stated if you open the area to emergency services you would have to improve the road to allow emergency service to move through there or they would get stuck in the winter time and cause a liability to the city. Clerk Treasurer Mary Todd advised council that there is no budget to improve the street and with revenues down first quarter and if revenues continue to be down there is no money available for expenditures beyond what was

already budgeted. Called to question Richard Rouse – aye, Aaron Brandt – aye, Robert Wheeler – abstain, John Sayers – aye, Dave Williams – aye, 4 ayes and 1 abstain motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Bond Property**

**Purchase Agreement:**

Public Works Director Steve Ashley advised council that he put a copy of the purchase agreement in their boxes last week. The city agreed to purchase two (2) acres if the city found water on the property. The city set money aside in Capital Improvement to purchase the property for \$45,000.00. The driveway is a private driveway to the property. The entry way is on city property and we would need to fence the well area to keep people away from the well head. The city has an 80 foot easement before the gate; the city would put the road in our selves. Steve Ashley will provide council an estimate to put the road in at the next meeting. Motion by Councilor Dave Williams to purchase the property, second by Councilor John Sayers, called to vote Councilor's Richard Rouse – aye, Aaron Brandt – aye, Robert Wheeler – aye, John Sayers – aye, Dave Williams – aye, motion carried unanimously. Public Works Director Steve Ashley advised council the Lewis Platt donated an area for a reservoir and it expires one year from the sale of the Bond Property with an option to purchase three acres at \$10,000 per acre.

**B. Hamilton Lease Agreement:**

Motion by Councilor Dave Williams to continue the lease agreement for five (5) years and a revolving extension for five (5) years as is with the current lease with Hamilton Rocking and Contracting at the same rate of \$100 per year, second by Councilor Aaron Brandt. Discussion, recommended by council to send agreement to legal counsel. Councilor Robert Wheeler motion to amend the motion to table until legal counsel can review the lease agreement, second by Councilor Richard Rouse, called to vote, motion carried unanimously. Original motion with the amended motion called to vote, motion carried unanimously.

**VOUCHERS:**

Motion by Councilor Robert Wheeler to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$74,064.30, second by Councilor Dave Williams, motion carried unanimously.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Nothing

Motion by Councilor Richard Rouse to adjourn, second by Councilor Dave Williams, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Todd  
Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor

Councilor