

NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL
February 9, 2010 ~ 6:30 p.m.
City Hall 407 Birch Ave SW, Napavine

Regular City Council Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Regular City Council Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Nicholas Bozarth.

FLAG SALUTE: Flag salute led by Mayor Nicholas Bozarth.

ROLL CALL: Councilors present: Richard Rouse, Aaron Brandt, John Sayers and Robert Wheeler. Absent Councilor Dave Williams; motion to excuse Councilor Dave Williams by Councilor John Sayers, second by Councilor Robert Wheeler, motion carried 4-0.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion by Councilor John Sayers to approve the minutes of the previous council meeting as written, second by Councilor Richard Rouse, motion carried 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Councilor John Sayers to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Councilor Robert Wheeler, motion carried 4-0.

MAYOR/COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works Director Steve Ashley reported Kyle Nelson questioned the council's position on vacating streets on Newaukum Street between 2nd Ave NE and 3rd Ave NE. Ashley advised Mr. Nelson the city policy is not to vacate street. Council advised Public Works Director Steve Ashley that Mr. Nelson can present an application for council review. **Mayor Nicholas Bozarth** reported that he spoke with Arnold Haberstroh regarding lights on Birch Ave SW. Mr. Haberstroh is not willing to donate toward the city purchasing and installing below standard lighting for main street thoroughfare. Public Works Director Steve Ashley stated the lights meet side street lighting standards. Street lighting continued to a later date. **Clerk Treasurer Mary Todd** reported that Vision Municipal Solutions lowered the support cost to \$1200.00 from \$1585.00 for one year of tech support on Budget and Billing. Council asked Clerk Treasurer Mary Todd to research the budget for the IT support and report back next meeting. **Councilor Robert Wheeler** reported that he attended the AWC Elected Officials essential class in Yakima last weekend which covered public meeting laws and other items. The training was very good and recommended other councilors to attend future training for

new councilors. **Mayor Nicholas Bozarth** reported that he attended a conference on January 28-29, 2010, with Governor Gregoire stating we are all broke, increase fees, taxes and fees to utilizing state agency contacts. The city responded to the State Auditor's Exit Conference finding regarding spending from the water and sewer funds, which the city has made some adjustments to the budget at the recommendation of the Auditor's Office. Mayor Bozarth is wishing to nominate a citizen to the Planning Commission and is present tonight; and asks the council add nomination to Planning Commission at Setting of Agenda.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

James McNelly, 1320 Wildwood Ave, Napavine, reported to council that his wife is interested in leasing the old city hall to operate a day care and is working on presenting a lease agreement to the council. **Jack Tipping, 2101 State Highway 508, Chehalis**, stated a while back he presented a copy of the Lakewood E-Verify Ordinance to the council to E-Verify all employees for contractors, Mr. Tipping read a letter addressed to him regarding the impact of the Lakewood adopting an ordinance regarding E-Verify and made a part of these minutes. Mayor Bozarth advised Mr. Tipping the council rejected the Ordinance last year after he presented the information to the council. The current council requested a copy of the Ordinance the previous council failed and a copy of the letter Mr. Tipping read to council.

SETTING OF AGENDA:

Motion by Robert Wheeler to add item B. under new business to appoint a planning commissioner, second by Councilor Aaron Brandt, motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Amend 2010 Priority

List:

Mayor Bozarth explained to council the need to amend the priority list for public works to replace the 1991 Ford pickup which is scheduled to be surplus in 2009 and was not completed due to the budget restraints and the police department will purchase the S10 pickup for the Community Service Officer to haul dogs. Motion by Councilor John Sayers to transfer Public Works priority list, second by Councilor Robert Wheeler. Motion by Councilor John Sayers to amend the original motion to approve the 2010 Priority Lists for Budget 2010, second by Councilor Robert Wheeler. Called to question for amendment, motion carried 4-0. Called to question for amendment with priority lists, motion carried 4-0.

B. Albert Rose Water Service Line:

Councilor Aaron Brandt researched the leak situation with public works employees and the common practice with other

municipalities. Their policy is to move meter to standard requires main line extension. Councilor Aaron Brandt recommended to council we not set precedence by moving the water service line. Property owners are responsible for water line between meter and the house. If city were to repair the service line it would set precedence and Washington Constitution cannot allow municipalities to gift funds or resources. As the water main is extended the meter can be moved toward the house. Mr. Rose stated he cannot afford the water bill or repair the leak; and is asking the city to replace his water service line. The city may allow Mr. Rose to place a new water service line on right of way and allow digging in right of way. Council recommends Mr. Rose get bids from plumbers to see how much it will cost to repair the broken line.

C. Napavine Amphitheater

Scott Alsterberg:

The Napavine Sertoma Club is prepared to procure a lease for the amphitheater site. They have a copy of the 2006-2009 lease with Todd Meikle and change the name to Napavine Sertoma Club. They need dates for the baseball season. Mayor advised they may submit changes to City Clerk who will send to legal counsel. The Napavine Sertoma Club has assumed possession of the assets, not the liabilities. On March 20, 2010, they will install Board of Directors and nominate officers. They meet twice a month and have 31 members and 25 members are needed to charter.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2010 Budget Amendment

Ordinance 467:

Motion by Councilor Robert Wheeler to table to the next council meeting, second by Councilor Richard Rouse, motion carried 3-1, nay vote Councilor John Sayers.

B. Appoint Planning

Commissioner:

Mayor Nicholas Bozarth appointed James McNelly to the Planning Commission. Motion by Councilor Robert Wheeler to confirm appointment of James McNelly to Planning Commission, second by Councilor John Sayers, motion carried 4-0.

VOUCHERS:

Motion by Councilor John Sayers to pay the vouchers, second by Councilor Robert Wheeler, motion carried 4-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Robert Wheeler, motion died for lack of second. Cheryl Fuss, 204 Parkwood Ct E, Napavine commented to council about the 25% increase in her water/sewer bill when the economy is so bad and Lewis County unemployment

is at 14.9%. Council explained that all of our waste is sent to the Chehalis Treatment Plant. Brian Dennis, 107 W Vine St. stated that a light is out on 3rd Ave NW. Kevin Lee 303 W Vine St, Napavine stated we have three public works employees and no police chief. Councilor Robert Wheeler explained that the water and sewer departments are like separate businesses and funds public works employees, and cannot pay for a police chief with these funds. Alan Reiss, Centralia commented that yes Lewis County unemployment rate is 15% that you can volunteer to help cut the costs in the city.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Robert Wheeler, second by Councilor Richard Rouse, motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Todd
Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor

Councilman