

# **NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL**

**January 25, 2011 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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

Regular City Council Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem John Sayers at 6:30 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:** The flag salute was led by Mayor Pro-Tem John Sayers.

**ROLL CALL:** Council member present were: Richard Rouse, Aaron Brandt, John Sayers, Robert Wheeler and Lionel Pinn. Also present was City Attorney Dana Williams. Mayor Nicholas Bozarth was absent.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Councilor Aaron Brandt to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on January 11, 2011, second by Councilor Lionel Pinn, motion carried 5-0.

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

Public Works Director Steve Ashley presented to council a drawing of Harrison Street improvement along with a cost estimate. The street improvement is the best concept for alignment with Birch Avenue SW with a sidewalk on one side. The cost estimate is \$75,000 - \$80,000 with the city doing the construction. Everything is moving forward with the Love's Development and the finalization of the Rush Road waterline. Mr. Ashley hopes to have information on a LID proposal for the SRF funds to complete Well #6, a Reservoir and take the water line across the freeway toward Bethel Church and the businesses on the other side of the freeway in the next 2-3 meetings. Council questioned the length of the street improvement for Harrison. Public Works Director Steve Ashley advised council that the improvement would be from Alder to park plus the intersection consisting of 420 feet, sidewalks, crosswalks, handicap access, lights. The lights cost \$8,000 per pole, which would require 2 poles for a total of \$16,000, and would be an additional cost to the estimate. The city could have two lights installed on the existing poles. Engineering is estimated at \$10,000 for curbs, drains, elevations and grade in the road. Engineering is usually 15-20 percent of the cost of the project.

City Attorney Dana Williams introduced Mike Ollum from his law office. Mr. Ollum will be attending the council meetings from time to time when he is unable to attend. Mr. Williams advised council

that they need to excuse the Mayor from the meetings as required by statute.

Clerk-Treasurer Mary Todd advised council that she is still awaiting a response from tech support on the formatting of the accounting program to finalize the financial reports.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

James McNelly, Wildwood Ave, Napavine commented on the air raid siren from the other day. The siren sounded at about 5 p.m. and terrified one of the kids in the daycare. The sirens wake up the children during nap time which creates a challenge for the daycare.

Scott Schroeder, 432 Stadium Court, Napavine questioned the reason of the fire department sounding the air raid siren with a full time fire department, when they are usually used for a volunteer fire department. He has been in many other cities and they do not have a siren go off unless it is to call volunteers to the station.

**SETTING OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Councilor Aaron Brandt to set the agenda with the addition under New Business item D. Excuse Mayor and Council, second by Councilor Lionel Pinn, motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. City Irrigation:**

Councilor Richard Rouse presented information on the issue of city water irrigation a while back; which would provide citizens with a second meter for water irrigation and ask staff work up rates and cost for a second meter installed. Councilor Wheeler stated with reduced hours of staff which are stretched already to get things done; may not be a good time to add more to their workload. Councilor Brandt stated it would be worthy to explore the option, Councilor Pinn agreed. Councilor Rouse moved to have Public Works Director Steve Ashley propose rates and restrictions for city water irrigation, second by Councilor Brandt, motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. One Voice Presentation on Chehalis River Basin**

**Flood Control:**

Jay Vanderstoop, Attorney and Volunteer for One Voice Flood Control of the Chehalis River Basin presented to council information on Chehalis River Water Retention and made a part of the minutes. The flood authority asked for the city's support. Motion by Councilor Wheeler to propose a resolution of the city council of the City of Napavine to support the proposition that water retention in the headwaters of the Chehalis River offers the most promising solution to the regular flooding that sweeps through the basin, second by Councilor Rouse, motion carried 5-0.

**B. Vacation, Sick Leave  
Longevity Accruals:**

Clerk-Treasurer Mary Todd explained to council that the union is asking for accrual reinstatement for when the hours were cut in 2009 with city staff of vacation accrual, sick leave accrual, holidays and longevity were pro-rated to 80%. Employees are still considered full-time employees at 32 hours. Per the city policy vacation and longevity, are based on years of service. The union is asking for a MOU and will have one to present to the council at the next meeting. Rick Engelhart, Union 252 Business Agent was unable to attend tonight due to negotiations in another city. Motion by Councilor Wheeler to table to the next meeting when the Mayor will be present, second by Councilor Rouse. Discussion. Councilor Wheeler amended motion to table to next meeting when the union representative can be present, second by Councilor Rouse, motion carried 5-0.

**C. Ordinance 483 Amend  
Noise Ordinance:**

Motion by Councilor Aaron Brandt to adopt Ordinance 483, second by Councilor Wheeler. Motion by Councilor Rouse to open the floor for citizen comment, second by Councilor Pinn. Councilor Brandt suggest limiting citizen comment to 3 minutes, motion carried 5-0. Arnold Haberstroh, does not live in the city, but does own property in the city; stated it is good to pass the noise ordinance. Since the whistles have blown and before have not seen any accidents at the station and the siren is more a startling effect and is more a hindrance than help. Mr. Haberstroh supports the noise ordinance. Councilor Rouse provided his personal record keeping of his personal witness and documentation of the air raid siren and when vehicles responded or did not respond and is made a part of these minutes. Discussion. Councilor Brandt called to question, motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**D. Excuse Mayor &  
Council:**

City Attorney Dana Williams advised council the need to excuse the Mayor from the council meetings when he will be absent for three consecutive meetings in a row. Motion by Councilor Brandt to excuse the Mayor from this meeting, second by Councilor Pinn, motion carried.

**VOUCHERS:**

Motion by Councilor Pinn to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$\$47,541.78 plus vouchers for December 31, 2010, in the amount of \$3,306.69 for a grand total of \$50,848.47, second by Councilor Rouse, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilor Wheeler to adjourn, second by Councilor Pinn, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Todd  
Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor

Concilor