

NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL

July 27, 2010 ~ 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 Nicholas Bozarth at 6:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Council member present were: Richard Rouse, Aaron Brandt and Robert Wheeler. Councilors absent were John Sayers and Dave Williams. James McNelly advised council that John Sayers was in St. Pete's Hospital in Olympia and he did have a mild stroke and he has high blood pressure and doing some tests. Motion by Councilor Richard Rouse to excuse Councilor John Sayers, second by Councilor Aaron Brandt, motion carried. Also present was Mayor Nicholas Bozarth and City Attorney Dana Williams.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion by Councilor Robert Wheeler to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on July 13, 2010, second by Councilor Aaron Brandt. Motion by Councilor Richard Rouse to table the minutes of the previous meeting to add the dollar amount of vouchers, second by Councilor Robert Wheeler, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No action taken by City Council.

MAYOR/COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS: **Public Works Director Steve Ashley** updated council on the Rush Road water line; water samples were taken and if they pass the water line will go live next week. Councilor Aaron Brandt questioned the width of the hydrant pads at the North end of the bridge. Public Works Director Steve Ashley stated the hydrants pads will need to be widened to 5 – 6 feet. **City Attorney Dana Williams** reported that he has been working with Councilor Wheeler on two items: a draft letter to Department of Revenue regarding the B & O tax on Refuse and a draft ordinance amending the 2010 Refuse, General and Water Fund Budgets. Copies of the letters to the state representatives were removed from the packets to council. **Councilor Robert Wheeler** reported that he has studied the history of population growth for Napavine, which Napavine has grown 24%. Napavine, Mossyrock and Vader are the only cities that grew in 2010. Sahara Pizza is opening at 2 p.m. on

Thursday, July 29, 2010. **Clerk Treasurer Mary Todd** reported the sealed bids for the surplus vehicles were opened. The Chevrolet Tahoe's highest bid was \$625.00, and the Ford F150's highest bid was \$610.00. **Councilor Aaron Brandt** reported that the city of Centralia's Storm Utility will be selling their 2003 Street Sweeper with all maintenance records. The city of Napavine has set aside \$25,000.00 in Internal Service Fund for a street vacuum truck. **Councilor Richard Rouse** stated he has been approached by citizens regarding their utility bills that are on fixed income and questioned the ability for budget payments similar to PUD. Clerk Treasurer Mary Todd advised council that citizens can pay ahead on their bill in the months of non-billing to offset their bill when they are due, and that there are a few citizens that are paying ahead on their bill for a less impact when the bills are due. **Councilor Robert Wheeler** commented on possibly having LeMay do the billing for Refuse, Public Works Director Steve Ashley advised council that the city has entertained that thought in previous years, and the city has an ordinance stating citizens are required to have garbage service in the city limits of Napavine and by the city doing the billing is a way to monitor that requirement and that rates are kept lower with the city doing the billing. Councilor Aaron Brandt will ask Centralia how they monitor the garbage service requirement because they contract with LeMay and they do the billing for Centralia. **Mayor Nicholas Bozarth** reported that he has met with the Union and the city has had an open contract for two years because of wanting the Department heads out of the union to allow department heads the ability to discipline, hire and fire. There was a PERC Board Ruling for the Public Works Director to be out of the Union. The Union agreed to withdraw the two other department heads out of the union contract if we have job descriptions in place they will remove them from the contract. The Union contract will be sent to council next week to have for the August 10, 2010 meeting.

CITIZEN BUSINESS: No citizen business.

SETTING OF AGENDA: Motion by Councilor Richard Rouse to set the agenda as written, second by Councilor Aaron Brandt, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Councilor Dave Williams

Resignation Letter: Mayor Nicholas Bozarth read the letter of resignation from Councilor Dave Williams into record of the city council. Motion

by Councilor Richard Rouse to accept the letter of resignation, second by Councilor Robert Wheeler, motion carried 3-0.

VOUCHERS:

Motion by Councilor Richard Rouse to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$101,578.93, second by Councilor Aaron Brandt, motion carried 3-0/

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The acceptance of the resignation letter starts the clock of 90 days to fill the vacancy on the city council. If the council position is not filled within that time frame the Lewis County Commissioners nominate a citizen to the council. Councilor Richard Rouse would like the process as transparent as possible. A press release for the open council position should state that letters of interest will be accepted for the Napavine city council until August 19th at 1 p.m and posted in the cities posting places. Motion by Councilor Robert Wheeler to accept letters of interest to Napavine City Council until August 19th at 1 p.m., second by Councilor Richard Rouse, motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Councilor Aaron Brandt to adjourn, second by Councilor Richard Rouse, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Todd
Clerk Treasurer

Mayor

Councilor