

Napavine City Council
June 23, 2009 ~ 6:15 p.m.
City Hall, 407 Birch Ave SW, Napavine

PUBLIC HEARING ~ 6:15 P.M. SKATE PARK

The public hearing on the skate park was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Public comments were called for.

- Millicent Tyea, 105 Haywire Rd. Apt 106B stated the skate park would be great for the kids of the community to participate in a sport. It would be a positive thing by bringing business, help the small markets and restaurants. There would be many positive aspects, family outings. There can be a positive for every negative; post signs at the skate park to deter any negative. Need volunteers like a neighborhood watch. Commend Mayor Bozarth for the purchase of the skate park for the youth.
- Holly Phelps 119 W Washington commented that the bad is already here. Skating is a sport. Kids need a place to skate, a place to fit in. They need a place to go, help their self-esteem. The park benefits the community. Support our youth.
- Ted DeHart, 125 Top Lane, Centralia. His son skates started when he was 6 and he is 12 now. He is part of the skate park foundation in Centralia and is also in law enforcement. The skate park will enhance the community, could bring competition. Need a safe place to skate. The skate park can enhance the flavor of the community.
- Kage Thayer – 1801 Sulkey Dr, Lacey, he comes here every week and is always told to skate elsewhere and to get off people's property. The skate park would bring more population and make Napavine a real fun place.
- Joey Goettelman, 364 Meadow Lane, A skate park was in the initial park plans, but got put off year after year. Would like to see it set up like the 56th Street skate park. Olympia youth would come here. Request to keep bikes off the wood ramps.
- Cheryl Williams, Alder St, not so much against the skate park. Don't see a long term plan to take care of the skate park. We are in a budget crisis and volunteers tend to go away and leave the responsibility with the city, no money for a skate park.
- Jim Haslett, 222 Maple Ave NW, Joey was right the original plans did include a skate park and the kids came over to show us what design they would like to see, but they are all grown up now. With the cost of lights on the ball fields and other projects the skate park and basketball courts was postponed. I was at a meeting to propose a club that is going to take the kids and the parents of the kids to get this going. They could raise funds to pay for everything and pay back the city the \$2500 for the park. He manages the Highland Mobile Home Park where kids skateboard, and with the majority of the park residences being elderly, they don't like the kids to skate there. He lives next to the pedestrian overpass where the kids skateboard. It's better to have a safe place and be in the open.
- Sandy Seger, Chehalis, She is the project community organizer of the Twin City Skate park and has 550 youth in their club. Your youth have a right to a public skate park as the youth have a right to a baseball park. She has raised over \$1 million dollars. She is willing to share statistics, it helps the kids self esteem, excel in school, do better in math, wood shop, welding, computer skills, etc. The youth need to take ownership from day one. The skate park would be an asset to the community. There is no more liability than a swing set. The youth will pick up their garbage, and help police. The youth will stop

violence from occurring in their community, you can ask Bob Berg, Chief of Centralia what help the youth are to the police department. There is a need for another skate park in Lewis County. There is no reason to not have this in your community. The skate park was offered to her initially and notified Napavine.

- Letter from Eileen Sherlock, 364 Meadow Lane, read out loud to the audience and made a part of the minutes. Her letter was in support of the skate park.
- Jim McNelly, 1320 Wildwood Avenue, supports the skate park. Kids skate down the hill on Wildwood by his place which is not safe with the cars. The kids need a place to skate.

Public hearing closed at 6:37 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ~ 6:36 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Councilman Larry Stafford, Ken Williams, John Sayers, Councilwoman Paula Sandirk, and Councilman Dave Williams.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES Motion by Councilwoman Paula Sandirk to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written, second by Ken Williams, motion carried.

MAYOR, COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS

Councilor Paula Sandirk asked how many applied for the Chief's position, five applications were received. **Councilor Dave Williams** reports that there are still materials stored under the overpass, he has photos of storage. The Mayor will get with him and staff and look into this. Dave also stated he is for the skate park but hopes the citizens understand that there is a huge budget crunch. Volunteers help with the cost would be a huge help to the city. **Clerk-Treasurer Mary Todd** reported that the city received word from USDA that the interest rate would lower to 4.375% from 4.5% since we will close after July first. There are no closing costs associated with the USDA loan, just the \$7,500 bond attorney fees. The Lending Network interest rate on the \$125,000 is 4.5%. and there are small closings costs associated with this loan. **Public Works Director Steve Ashley** reported that after the 2nd round of bids Balmelli Construction was awarded the contract for the Rush Road water main. Construction should start after the 4th of July after approval of the latecomer's agreement. **City Attorney Dana Williams** commented that there is nothing wrong with the ordinance for the Limited Tax General Obligation Bond from Foster-Peppers. It was complete and well done.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

The treasurer's report was presented in writing, made a part of the minutes and available for the public.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Faye Matson, 521 W Washington Street, the scotch broom is all over the city and asks what can be done about it. Also the new development by their place (Camden Way & Fenway) the field has a lot of thistles, weeds. Mayor Bozarth asked that she call him and work with the staff to address this issue. Public Works Director Steve Ashley reported that he has directed public works to pull the scotch broom when they see it. Gerry Matson 521 W Washington Street commented the grass along the highway, the city used to have a contract with the county for weed spray and mowing, do we still have that? Steve Ashley reported that we do have a contract with the county but they can't keep up with their own work. He made a call to the county two month ago. The tall grass and weeds is a nuisance violation which is handled by the police department, community service officer. A while back Steve brought information to the council to purchase an attachment for the mini excavator for \$15,000 to mow the tall grass. Weeds are bad this year and we're doing the best we can. Stan Siegler 213 E Washington Street, his sister-in-law passed away and his brother has been staying in his RV. He is asking for a waiver to allow him to stay in the RV temporarily. Steve Ashley advised there is a permit he can apply for up to 30 days for family. LaVerne Haslett, 222 Maple over the last few months we have heard a lot of negativity for guys working in the street. Jim Haslett explained a couple pulled in the park using a satellite GPS also known as Geo Cash and looking for GPS tracking that is placed in the park which Jim located next to the roses. The couple from Florida commented that Napavine was the cleanest community they have ever seen on the west coast. Jim also bragged about the school sports and academic ratings we have received this year. Councilor Dave Williams asked what comments over the past several months about cleaning the streets.

**SETTING OF
AGENDA**

Motion by Councilor Ken Williams to set the agenda with adding (F) Park Fence under old business, second by Councilor Larry Stafford, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS
CAROLYN BINION**

OLD CITY HALL LEASE Public Works Director Steve Ashley invited Carolyn Binion to the council meeting to answer any questions the council have regarding the lease of the old city hall. Council asked if there will

be subletting of stations, yes. Dave Williams asked what kind of improvements she is looking at from the city. Carolyn responded the flooring needs replaced, walls removed, she needs a more open work place, walls prepared for painting, which she will be happy to do the painting, remove old walls from upstairs. Steve Ashley commented that public works can remove the walls in a couple days using all three employees or longer if using only one or two employees. Carolyn is looking at neutral colors, vinyl flooring, which she has three bids. She prefers vinyl flooring. Binion will provide electrical outlets, lighting, contractor for plumbing, need for a larger hot water heater at her expense. The flooring bids range from \$3600 to \$3010.41. Council asked Binion to work with Steve and Dana to provide a clear picture of what is to be done, the renovation costs and have a draft lease prepared with her desires. Councilor Dave Williams commented the need to work within the budget.

**LOAN RESOLUTION
USDA PURCHASE
NEW CITY HALL**

Motion by Councilor Ken Williams to go into executive session to discuss purchase of public property, second by Dave Williams, motion carried. Mayor Bozarth called for closing regular meeting to go into executive session at 7:18 p.m. Mayor Bozarth announced the extension of five additional minutes for executive session. Mayor Bozarth returned to announce an additional five minutes for executive session. Regular meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m. The executive session was called to discuss the purchase of public property; no decision was made in executive session. Motion by Councilor Paula Sandirk to approve the loan resolution to purchase city hall, second by Councilor John Sayers. Discussion, Ken Williams commented that after receiving an email from the city he was upset over being extorted that if we don't sign the agreement, the rent will be raised to \$10,000. Haberstroh came to us to build city hall for \$5,250 a month for five years and hoped he would work with the city in an economical way. Councilor Dave Williams feels the same way and recommends the council not do business with Haberstroh in the future. Councilor Paula Sandirk stated she don't like to feel threatened. Three nays, Larry Stafford, Ken Williams, John Sayers, two ayes Paula Sandirk, Dave Williams. Motion failed.

**LATECOMERS
AGREEMENT**

Public Works Director Steve Ashley reported that the latecomers agreement for the Rush Road water main concept is the same, just adding the RD Engineers engineering cost and adding 8 ½% interest rate to the construction loan. The latecomers agreement is for 15 years and an addendum of the actual costs can be recorded when the project is completed. Motion by Councilor Paula Sandirk

to approve the latecomers' agreement, second by Ken Williams, motion carried.

ORDINANCE 457

VETO SPENDING LIMIT Mayor Bozarth vetoed Ordinance 457 – Spending Limits, letter read into record and made a part of the minutes. City Attorney Dana Williams advised council how to handle the veto. Motion by Larry Stafford to enter letter to veto ordinance 457 as part of the minutes, second by Paula Sandirk, motion carried. City Attorney Dana Williams advised council the next step is to take a vote again on Ordinance 457, which requires majority plus one, if it fails to do so, then the veto stands. Dana Williams called for the vote. Council polled: Larry Stafford – nay, Ken Williams – aye, John Sayers – nay, Paula Sandirk – aye, Dave Williams – aye. Two nays, 3 ayes, motion failed to override the veto. The veto stands.

PARK FENCE

Councilor Ken Williams asked what we are going to do to purchase a fence since money was spent out of the park fund for the skate park. Mayor Bozarth stated out of current expense. Jim Haslett commented there was a verbal agreement to provide the Williams a fence 10 years ago when he was on the council to stop the balls from going into their yard. Cheryl Williams asked if it was in the park plan. Haslett commented that a fence was in the plan, but items were taken out when funds ran out. Cheryl Williams would like to see the city make a good faith effort to pass the fence. Councilor Ken Williams stated the fence should run along city property line. Public Works Director Steve Ashley suggested a boundary line adjustment of give and take of property to create a straight line for a fence. Steve asked Dave what he wanted; a 6' chain link fence with slats. Gerry Matson questioned about putting a net up to stop the balls from going over the fence. Motion by Councilor Paula Sandirk to approve the fence concept and work on a boundary line adjustment as needed, second by Councilor John Sayers. Question, Steve Ashley has received one estimate of \$6,500 for the fence. Abstain Councilor Dave Williams, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 458

PURCHASE CITY HALL No action taken on Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Ordinance 458.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

VOUCHERS

Motion by Councilor Larry Stafford to approve the vouchers, second by Councilor Paula Sandirk, motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Public Works/Community Development Director Steve Ashley suggested to the council to rethink the purchase of city hall. The

city has a good opportunity with Ordinance 458 and with the time frame for the \$1.125 million loan at 4.375% interest rate and the Lending Network for \$125,000 at 4.5% interest. We may not get that funding again.

Motion by Paula Sandirk to set a workshop for July 14th at 5:30 p.m. to review the revenues and expenditures for 2009.

Delia McNelly, 912 W Vine ST, asked who put in the paper that the meeting was at 5:30 p.m. tonight. Mayor Bozarth responded that it was never set at 5:30 p.m. and did not know why it was in the paper as that time.

Motion by Councilor Dave Williams to adjourn, second by Councilor Larry Stafford, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Todd
Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor

Councilman