

NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL

March 8, 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. Mayor Nicholas Bozarth was absent due to work. Councilor Wheeler move to excuse Mayor Bozarth, second by Councilor Brandt, motion carried 5-0.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion by Councilor Rouse to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on February 22, 2011, second by Councilor Wheeler, motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR/COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

Clerk-Treasurer Mary Todd reported to council that back on February 26, 2008, the then council made a motion to have a draft ordinance prepared to reduce commercial water connections from \$4,200.00 to \$1,900.00 for a one year period from the acceptance of the Rush Road Waterline expansion. In researching the records an ordinance was not prepared. Councilor Wheeler suggested contacting city attorney to see if a resolution would be the proper way to reduce the commercial water connection fee. Ms. Todd also advised council that a resolution to honor the Napavine boys' basketball team for placing second at the state basketball tournament will be on the next agenda along with a resolution regarding the Lewis County Solid Waste Management Plan and will be attending training on Thursday, March 10, 2011, for annual reporting and cash basis accounting. Councilor Wheeler announced the Chevron was torn down and Love's is beginning.

CITIZEN BUSINESS: **Bill Turner – Sea-Mar**, Engineer that works with Sea-Mar which is a Community Health Center with locations in Elma, Vancouver and Bellevue. They are looking at placing facilities in Lewis and Mason County and like the community of Napavine. Mr. Turner asked for a letter of interest from the Mayor to meet with Sea-Mar to schedule a meeting with the council, planning commission, businesses and citizens to discuss what services are needed in the community. Their facilities provide Dental, Medical and Pharmacy

services depending on the need of the community. They provide health care to low income citizens, seniors on Medicare. The consensus of the council was to support a meeting as requested.

SETTING OF AGENDA: Mayor Pro-Tem suggested moving items under reports to Old Business. Motion by Councilor Wheeler to set agenda with items moved to old business, second by Councilor Pinn, motion carried, 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Letter to UPRR:

Councilor Rouse reported he has had conversations with BNSF Railroad Regional Executives and the Regional Economic Development Director and the Regional Government Affairs Director to assist with whom to send the letter to regarding the railroad crossing intersection. BNSF owns the tracks and set the schedule on the railroad. Councilor Rouse has spoken with Chief Eric Linn with the fire department about joint signing the letter to the railroad. The city is asking the railroad to schedule the switching of the tracks to be finished before 5 p.m. or start after 6 p.m. Councilor Rouse also will provide an aerial drawing of the backed up traffic and the location of the businesses and the impacted business when the train is blocking the intersection. He will keep the council, mayor and Steve Ashley updated.

B. Utility Hookup Fees:

Councilor Wheeler provided council with a spreadsheet of the four cities he considers competition, which are Chehalis, Centralia, Napavine and Winlock. A Napavine connection fee for water is \$4,500, which \$2,750 is the capital facilities charges and the wastewater connection fee is \$6,500 with \$3,750 is the capital facilities charge. Centralia's hookup fees are between \$500 - \$5,000. No other entity has a school impact fee. Centralia has a three (3) tier system for water fee; the more water usage, the more the customer pays for water. Councilor Wheeler will continue working on this information.

**C. Green River Wyoming –
Peddlers Ordinance:**

Councilor Rouse stated people have approached him regarding door to door sales and asked if the city can do something. He brought information to the council at the last meeting and asked council if they want to do anything. Public Works/Community Development Director Steve Ashley advised council that the City of Chehalis has a Green River Ordinance and the issue was brought up to council before, which it went nowhere. Councilor Wheeler stated he will get a copy of Chehalis' Ordinance and modify the ordinance. Green River prohibits door to door sales unless invited by the homeowner.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

VOUCHERS:

Motion by Councilor Rouse to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$121,222.94 and payroll draws in the amount of \$8,850.00 for a grand total in the amount of \$130,072.94, second by Councilor Brandt, motion carried 5-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Councilor Rouse stated we have a celebrity amongst us. In the AWC email that came out there is a video with Councilor Wheeler and thanked him for putting Napavine on the map. Councilor Wheeler stated he attended the AWC Legislative Conference where they honored the military and he noticed there was a two star general there with jump wings and he wanted to thank them for rescuing him and his family from the prisoner of war camp during WWII. Bob Brown, 9145 Private Road, Centralia asked to speak to council. Council consensus agreed to allow Mr. Brown to speak since he came in after citizen business. Mr. Brown questioned when the latecomers fee for the rush road water line upgrade has to be paid. He stated that the buyer has to pay the latecomers fee at the time of purchasing the property. Public Works – Community Development Director Steve Ashley clarified the time when the latecomer’s fees are paid. If the property is being sold, the fee is paid at escrow at the time of sale, which is state law. If the property is being developed by the owner, it is paid at the time of permit. The latecomer’s fees are above and beyond the connection fees.

Motion by Councilor Brandt to adjourn, second by Councilor Rouse, motion carried 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Todd
Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor

Councilor