



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Shawn O’Neill called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Bryan Morris.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Shawn O’Neill led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Council members present: Shawn O’Neill Mayor, Ivan Wiediger Councilor #2, Don Webster Councilor #3, Heather Stewart Councilor #4, and Duane Crouse Mayor Pro Tem.

City staff members present: City Clerk - Rachele Denham, Treasurer – Michelle Whitten, Chief of Police – John Brockmueller, CD PW Director - Bryan Morris.

CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Heather Stewart	Motion: Approval of Agenda- As Presented.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay.	

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approval of Meeting Minutes - Regular Council Meeting December 12, 2023.
SECONDED:	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay.	

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Brockmueller – Chief of Police

- Greetings to the council, Stats for December will be provided at the next meeting.

Bryan Morris - PW/CD Director

- Report in writing. Ops are normal.

Michelle Whitten – Treasurer

- The Audit is wrapping up.

Rachele Denham – Clerk

- No report. Ops are normal.

Planning Commission

- No report.

County Commissioner – Lindsey Pollock

- No report.

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- No report.

Duane Crouse – Mayor Pro Tem

- No report.

Heather Stewart – Councilor #4

- No report.

Don Webster – Councilor #3

- No report.

Ivan Wiediger – Councilor #2

- The Lions Club meeting will be held at the Fire Dept. on January 11th at 6pm

Brian Watson – Councilor #1

- No report.

Shawn O’Neill – Mayor

- Did a walkthrough of the Mayme Kitchen, it is going to be great! Verified power outlets, sink, bathrooms, access closet and is turning out to be something else that everyone can enjoy. Mayor’s meeting on Friday and is looking like Napavine will be the small city representing Distressed Counties for the .09 fund, this is a good thing. Will also serve on the Regional Transportation Group making sure that city of Napavine will be represented at state and federal level.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS: ***This is a brief summary and not verbatim. The recording link can be accessed for entire citizen comment.*

- **Jerry Owens Napavine Funtime Festival:** Expressed his concerns about the wrong statements going around the community and hopes to clear it up. Jerry was reading from a notebook. To summarize; The PTA not being allowed is not true. The Booster Club has always been accepted. They asked them not to sell hamburgers because the event is not big enough to have two of the same. The Lions Club statement is not true, and he believes some of the rumors were from the Lions Club. They have always worked with the Fire Department. The program book was done on a 50/50 and received \$353 to the FT Festival. The Funtime Festival was going to split the money, but Greg told him to keep it because the Lions Club in Napavine was going to be closing down. The FT Festival event is held on private property with the exception of the streets. Insurance is so expensive and will not be doing the chain saw demonstration this year due to the cost. They can’t find affordable insurance and therefore can’t have a bounce house, carnival, and chain saw due to the cost. Entertainment in the past included popular performers. The FT Festival has donated several items to the Fire Dept over the years including stuff for inside ambulances and, jaws of life, infrared lights. Little League received rakes, pitching machines and a water machine for the fields. Some future events would include a 5k run, Cornhole Tournament, BB Tournaments. They have also donated BB uniforms and helmets along with having old ones redone. Donations up to \$30k went towards the grandstands at school. Jerry read messages off his cell phone between the mayor and himself

referencing when the mayor reached out about a meeting to be scheduled and the council assuming leadership roles for the Funtime Festival. He also spoke briefly about Miss Newaukum Valley that Greg Peterson and Chief Saylers were part of. Carnival rides are too expensive and with the cost of insurance this type of event will not work. The Princess Napawinah program is dead and gone now. Jerry continued to share information. He wants to clear his family name because it has been drug through the mud. He believes that his family has put in over 200 years serving the City of Napavine and is proud of his Funtime Family and wants to move forward. The mayor thanked Jerry for coming to share and asked Jerry moving forward to come and ask for help when you need it, which would build a community of help. He also asked if the Funtime Festival is open to join on with the Lions Club. He is hopeful that this is a way to get help with insurance so a successful festival can happen. **Councilor Heather Stewart** expressed how much she respects the Owens family and for all that has been done for our community. She stated that she disagreed with the council about being able to take over the festival because that is your own business. If the council did move forward with a new festival that it won't be named the Funtime Festival, and that stuff wasn't executed properly in the beginning. Her hope is that we can all work together moving forward. **Rick Carns** would love to see the community work together and his hope is to be the coolest little town South of the North pole. Is there a way that everyone can come together to make it work? He stated what has been done is done and it's time to work together and move forward. He'd love to see a night Christmas Parade to light the town up. This is going to take volunteers, help and money but it can be done if everyone works together and then we can all be proud of it.

- **Leroy West:** He has been involved with the Funtime Festival for thirty years. Back when there was a derby, mud bogs, burn offs but the city has run out of room (private property). The room has to be there in order to have these types of events.
- **Jeremy Johnson 282-14 Woodard Rd:** He voiced his concerns and disapproval of the 240-home development on Woodard Rd. They were fine with the one-acre homes but that was turned down or made impossible by the city and thanks to the Urban Growth Area they don't want to be part of it. Seems to be zero regard to the lifelong residents and small-town way of life. Zero regard to the impacts on traffic, schools, crime, and overall quality of life, he states, we are not a bedroom community. There is very little public notice(s) about the one workshop that occurred in Feb 2020. It was posted around town, but nobody knew about it on Woodard Rd, that is why he is here today. Council Ivan has lived on Woodard Rd. his whole life and has admitted to him that he doesn't want development down there and also knows that there is salmon in the creek in the Fall time. He then stated that he messaged Shawn back when he first became Mayor about the salmon bearing creek, the mayor recalled the message. He thinks this project is absurd and outrageous. He doesn't understand how this can be legal with the Ecology laws, storm water runoff, and salmon spawning habitat that will be destroyed. He doesn't want this development in his community. The conversation continued with him expressing concerns about the road danger, school, and traffic impacts. He is in total opposition to the 240-home development on Woodard Rd.
- **Jerry Nixon Apex Mobile Mixed Concrete:** Asked where the city attorney is and where has he been. Said that he hasn't been at the last two meetings. The Clerk and Mayor have talked with the attorney and there will be regular representation at our meetings. Jerry stated that he sees a black Jeep here about 40 hrs. week and it leaves before the meetings, the mayor stated that he knows who drives a vehicle similar and that is a regular employee.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN

The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

OPEN	Accounts Payable	74	26	31,153.74	38713-38739
	Accounts Payable	36	9	71,394.68	38740-38748
	Payroll Vendors	2	2	1,228.00	38729-30
OPEN	Electronic Payments	14	9	13,195.28	eft*20231215-19/26-29
	Electronic Payments	1	1	54.86	Eft*20240101
	Electronic Payroll	6	6	52,981.74	EFT*20231220-25
	ACH Direct Deposit	17	17	36,438.86	Direct Deposit 12/20/2023
	ACH Direct Deposit	17	17	43,757.66	Direct Deposit 01/05/2024

Council Date: 2024 - January - January 2024 First Council Meeting, 2023 - December - December 2023 Open Period

Balance	Date	Amount	Notes
1/9/2024	Total Vouchers	167	87 \$250,204.82

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approval of the Vouchers dated January 2024 1st Council Meeting-December 2023 Open Period.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried; 5 aye and 0 nay.	

AM 24-01 LEAK ADJUSTMENT ACCT NO. 2765.0 – R. DENHAM

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approve AM 24-01.
SECONDED:	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried; 5 aye and 0 nay.	

AM 24-02 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL (PLAZA JALISCO) – R. DENHAM


MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approve AM 24-02 Liquor License Renewal
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried; 5 aye and 0 nay.	

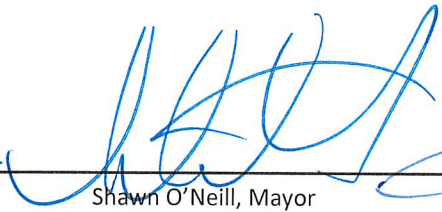
ADJOURNMENT:


MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: Meeting Adjourned at 6:54 p.m.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried; 5 aye and 0 nay.	

These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is available online from [freeconferencecall.com](https://fccdl.in/YT3mfGS7Rk) or at the link <https://fccdl.in/YT3mfGS7Rk>.

Respectfully submitted,


Rachelle Denham, City Clerk


Shawn O'Neill, Mayor


Councillor