



## NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2025, 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, Brian Watson Councilor #1, Ivan Wiediger Councilor #2, Donald Webster Councilor #3, and Duane Crouse, Mayor Pro Tem.

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

<b>MOVED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Excuse Counselor Heather Stewart.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

### **CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Brian Watson	Motion: Approval of Agenda- As Presented.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Brian Watson	Motion: Approval of the regular council meeting minutes for March 11, 2025.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Duane Crouse	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

### **PRESENTATION: CHEHALIS RIVER BASIN FLOOD AUTHORITY**

- Scott Boettcher and Edna Fund shared a video presentation discussing the Chehalis River Flood Authority. They are making more progress now than in the past and reminding people what the Flood Authority is all about. They want to hear from the local communities on what your needs and wants are regarding flood control. Mayor Pro Tem, Duane Crouse asked what the estimated cost is for the dam, Edna answered \$9M. Counselor Wiediger asked about location, response is above PeEll and Director Morris asked if the dam was power generating and Edna said no but that it is expandable.

## **STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:**

### **John Brockmueller – Chief of Police**

- Greetings to the council, No report. Officer Nichols received the DUI Officer of the Year Award, the second year in a row! Operations are normal.

### **Bryan Morris - PW/CD Director**

- The report is in writing.

### **Michelle Whitten – Treasurer**

- The report is in writing.

### **Duane Crouse – Mayor Pro Tem**

- Attended the DUI Annual Banquet with the Police Department. Gave kudos to Officer Nichols for earning DUI Officer of the Year, with 17 DUI's for the second year in a row. Is proud that the Napavine PD had all officers present at the banquet where others attendance was low. Was shocked that no county commissioners attended and no coverage from The Chronicle. The railroad crossing, especially in the evenings due to changing of the rail cars, blocking traffic for unreasonable timeframe is unacceptable. He sat at the track due to the tracks blocking traffic for 28 minutes and this is a public safety issue. There has to be a way to get ahold of the railroad and look for a way to mitigate this issue. Mayor Pro Tem asked to meet with Director Morris and schedule time to have a meeting with the railroad. Continued conversation took place. Mayor Pro Tem, Director Morris and Sandra from LCFD5 would like to get a hold of someone at the railroad, finding the right person to express our concerns. Chief Brockmueller mentioned that there is a WAC regarding how long the tracks can be blocked and he is open to being part of the meeting.

### **Brian Watson – Councilor 1**

- Echoed Counselor Crouse and his concerns regarding the blocking of railroad.

### **Shawn O'Neill – Mayor**

- The expectation of those who come into the city hall, which is a public building, and who also attend all types of city meetings is that the expectation of your behavior is that everyone acts responsibly and is respectful. Everybody has the right to have their voice heard but also everyone has the right to be treated with respect and dignity.

### **Planning Commission – Deborah Graham**

- Kudos to the mayor for his statement during his council report. The Public Hearing was held on March 17 for Walsh Holdings LLC. All comments were heard, approved and forwarded to the council.

### **Sandra White - LCFD 5**

- Appreciated the comments that the mayor made during his report to the council. The report is in writing. Topics include the following: Expecting a complete set of drawings for the Sta 5-1 project in town soon. We have a tentative timeline for construction, awaiting approval of the septic design for Sta 5-2 on Jackson Highway at Pier Road, added some new trauma care capabilities in the EMS division with adding doppler listening devices in aid kits to assist in taking blood pressures in high noise areas, pelvic splinting devices, AED's in apparatuses and one in main station, adding a new brush truck to the fleet and the truck will be funded by reimbursement for mobilization to DNR requests, currently all fire engines are in good working order. We just received one of our fire engines this afternoon from the shop after having a computer issue leading to a failure of a fuel injector pump. This necessitated an approximate repair cost of roughly \$15,000.00. New volunteers will be coming on board shortly and you will be able to recognize them by the red shirts they will be wearing opposed to the experienced crew members in their blue uniform with badges. Recently had a successful multi district drill @ the high school. The training was valuable and allowed an issue to be resolved before an actual real-life event was to happen regarding a neighboring fire department that did not carry the correct adaptor to connect to one of the Napavine's fire hydrant. The "low water pressure alarm" that will be monitored at the fire station should be active

within the next month. Something to ponder... I fully realize the large outside siren can stir some emotions due to past experiences with it that were not the most positive. Leaving that negative memory in the mirror, would that siren have a function in the town for use such as a train derailment with hazardous materials or an ammonia leak? How do we currently notify residents and the schools there is an issue needing their immediate attention and action?

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

- Written comment received from Kyle Wheeler. The documentation was provided in the council packet, printed for citizen review and is posted on the city website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN**

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

Accounts Payable	32	100	43,209.27	39632-39663
Electronic Payments	7	9	826.75	EFT*20250312-18
Payroll Vendors				
Electronic Payroll	2	2	15,554.59	EFT*20250319-20
ACH Direct Deposit	16	16	37,415.10	Payroll 3/1-3/15, 2025
<b>Total Vouchers</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>97,005.71</b>	
<b>Voided Check 39570 (\$50.00)</b>			<b>96,955.71</b>	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Don Webster	Motion: Pay the bills. Approval of the Vouchers dated March 2025 Second Council Meeting.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

### **AM 25-04 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEW: SUPER MINI MART – R. DENHAM**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approve AM 25-04 liquor license renewal for Super Mini Mart.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye 0 nay.	

### **RESOLUTION 25-03-160 CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR BASIN-WIDE SOLUTION TO FLOODING – R. DENHAM**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approve Resolution 25-03-160.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye 0 nay.	

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.*

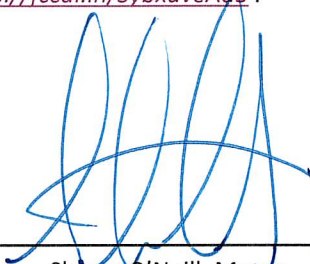
<b>MOVED:</b>	Don Webster	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:</b>	4-0 Motion Carried; 4 aye and 0 nay.	

*These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is available online from [freeconferencecall.com](https://fccdl.in/SybxdvAg5) or at the link <https://fccdl.in/SybxdvAg5>.*

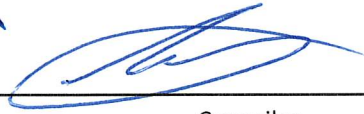
Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Denham, City Clerk



Shawn O'Neill, Mayor



Councilor