



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 08, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Duane Crouse called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:00pm.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Bryan Morris.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pro Tem Duane Crouse led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Council members present: Brian Watson Councilor #1, Ivan Wiediger Councilor #2, Donald Webster Councilor #3, and Heather Stewart Councilor #4, and Duane Crouse Mayor Pro Tem.

City staff members present: City Clerk – Rachelle Denham, Chief of Police – John Brockmueller, CD/PW Director – Bryan Morris, Treasurer – Michelle Whitten. Not Present: Legal Counsel – Jim Buzzard.

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Excuse Mayor O'Neill.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay.	

CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOVED:	Brian Watson	Motion: Approval of the regular council meeting minutes for June 24, 2025.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<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 & operations as normal.

Michelle Whitten – Treasurer

- The report is in writing.

Bryan Morris - PW/CD Director

- The report is in writing & operations as normal. Additional information: Received a submittal from the TA Truck Stop and thanked the council for allowing the purchase of the street striper.

Rachelle Denham – City Clerk

- The report is in writing. Informed the council if they would like to have a new Mayor & Council Handbook to let her know, she got some from AWC.

Sandra White – LCDF5

- Sandra introduced the new Fire Chief, John Beck, to the council and audience. John Beck gave a brief introduction.

Brian Watson – Councilor 1

- Wished everyone a Happy 4th of July and had fun at the parade in Centralia while MC'd the event.

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

- NONE.

PRESENTATION: SADDLE UP FOR THE FAIR AUGUST 12-17, 2025 – EDNA FUND

- The Southwest Washington Fair board presented an overview of the events that will be held at the fair this year, August 12th – 17th. They provided fliers providing additional information to include; Opening Ceremonies Postcard, 2025 Little Miss Friendly, Coloring Contest Page, 2025 Fair Dates & Hours, Garlic Fest (Aug 22-24), Wanted Local Talent, Rodeo Queen Info, and Fundraiser at Panda Express on Saturday, July 12th from 9:30am-10:30am where 20% proceeds will be donated to the SWWF and its Little Miss Friendly program.

NEW BUSINESS**VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN**

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

Accounts Payable	21	76	66,546.21	39855/39857-76
Payroll Vendors	1	1	1,239.00	39856
Electronic Payments	5	5	12,088.83	eft*20250701-05
Electronic Payroll	7	7	59,797.19	EFT*20250706-12
ACH Direct Deposit	18	18	41,228.19	Payroll 6/16-6/30, 2025
Total Vouchers	52	107	180,899.42	

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Pay the bills. Approval of the Vouchers dated July 2025 First Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay.	

AM25-07 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEW NAPAVINE DINER – R. DENHAM

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Approve AM 25-07 Liquor license renewal.
SECONDED:	Heather Stewart	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay.	

AM25-08 LEWIS COUNTY ILA FOR UGA MANAGEMENT – B. MORRIS

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Voting to Reject AM 25-08 Lewis County ILA for UGA Management.
SECONDED:	Brian Watson	
<p><i>Discussion: Councilor Watson asked Mayor Pro Tem on why he feels it would negatively impact the citizens. Mayor Pro Tem replied that his understanding is that it basically puts the county in charge of all permitting and applications in this area and the county would have say in tax money generated in the massive bulk of tax revenues forward would go to the county vs going to the city. He thinks the city would get a tiny piece of tax money. Director Morris responded that it allows the county to urbanize the UGA under the city codes. Which in return means the county would have the ability to go down to high density neighborhoods, sidewalks, curbs, gutters and streetlights. Once this is developed and urbanized to the full, then it would be asked for us to bring it in because it's in the UGA. The permit, inspection fees, and sales tax have already been gone through, meaning that the say 200 homes come in and now the city has to maintain it with 1% of 1% property tax. The attorney and third-party review team amongst others makes this unanimous to reject the ILA because were not going to want to bring in a UGA that has been urbanized by somebody else. Councilor Stewart asked if it was okay for Commissioner Pollock to speak and provide some information. Commissioner Pollock spoke to the best of her knowledge that the legislature put a time limit on permitting. Previously the county would work with the city on permitting for the higher density areas that exceed the 90 days, she believes that is allowed. The county does not want to maintain urban landscape because they do not have the teams to do the work. If a person wants to build to urban standards, then you would be looking at one house per 5 acres. Whereas if you want to develop to urban standards, you would either need to annex and then develop. Which she thinks would be everybody's preference. Or if you're not wanting to annex and the county is handling the permitting then they would get the initial development fee. None of us have all the money to maintain the infrastructure. If the county is going to have urban development, then either the city needs to annex, or the county would potentially do urban development with an ILA with the understanding that's it will be annexed. She strongly encourages the city to reach out to Mindy with the details of what you would want in an ILA.</i></p>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-1 Motion Carried: 4 aye (Councilors Watson, Wiediger, Webster, and Mayor Pro Tem Crouse) and 1 nay (Councilor Stewart).	

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

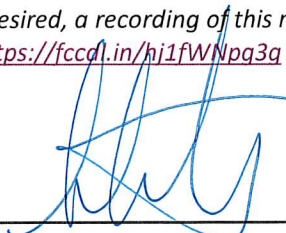
MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay.	

These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is available online from freeconferencecall.com or at the link <https://fccd1.in/hj1fWNpq3g>.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Denham, City Clerk



Shawn O'Neill, Mayor



Councilor