NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 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 6:00pm.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Ivan Wiediger.

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, Chief of Police – John Brockmueller, Treasurer - Michelle Whitten, Legal Counsel – Jim Buzzard. CD/PW Director - Bryan Morris.

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Excuse Heather Stewart
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
Discussion:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approval of Agenda- As Presented.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
Discussion: No Discussion		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOVED:	Brian Watson	Motion: Approval of the regular council meeting minutes for September 9, 2025.
SECONDED:	Duane Crouse	
Discussion: No Discussion.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Brockmueller – Chief of Police

- Greetings to the council. Report in writing, operations are normal.

Bryan Morris - PW/CD Director

- The report is in writing.

Michelle Whitten - Treasurer

- The report is in writing.

Jim Buzzard - Legal Counsel

- All operations are normal.

Duane Crouse – Mayor Pro Tem

- Recently attended the Opioid Dinner at the Centralia College and Fire Commissioners meeting. It was nice to see an orchestra concert going on at Mayme Shaddock Park. It was cool to see the park being utilized this way. Officer Chief Nichols will be missed and appreciate his contributions to the city during his time here.

Don Webster – Councilor 3

- Attended the Charlie Kirk Memorial last Friday, and it was nice to see all the people that showed up to attend. It felt nice to see the people of our county come out. He understands that we might be getting a turning point here at the Napavine School.

Ivan Wiediger – Councilor 2

- He understands that there have been some complaints about Tiger Meadows and the dust created by the fill coming in. Bryan has taken care of it because they are now watering and have a sweeper that is running up and down Woodard Road now, keeping the street clean and clear.

Shawn O'Neill – Mayor

- Shawn and Beth worked at the burger wagon last Friday at the football game against Onalaska. It's always a great time! Scott Boettcher reached out from the Flood Authority to inform about funding a study and we are at the top of that floodplain. At this point it looks like we are being included in some funding and studies to include some ways that we can slow the water down up here on top of the hill and potentially its effects downstream. It was verified that it is not a restrictive study, and it will not hold us back from anything that we're doing. This is a way that we can contribute to the cause of looking after our neighbors. Scott mentioned that he's appreciative of everything that Duane contributes to the flood authority group. There was an incident at the school and the feedback received back from Shane was stellar and the situation was handled well. You guys are superstars and much appreciated.

Paula Sandirk – Funtime Festival

- Hoping to have the lighted parade at Christmas time. She will encourage people from Funtime Festival to participate in the Trunk & Treat at Halloween. There will be a Christmas tree from Aldrich Berry Farms again this year.

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

- NONE.

CITY OF CHEHALIS ANNEXATION UPDATE – CITY MANAGER, STACY DENHAM

- City Manager, Stacy Denham is going around to talk with people about the City of Chehalis moving forward with annexation. The annexation will connect with Napavine city limits. The City of Chehalis provided the City of Napavine a Notice of intent to annex the Chehalis Urban Growth Area & thirty-day comment period. The 30-day comment period started on the 18th and will end on October 18th. On October 20th a Public Hearing will be held at the Board of County Commissioners. The biggest thing for Stacy is that if you have any questions, please reach out to him. It's important to keep open lines of communication. He's looking forward to working together with the whole annexation process. Just a few points to make is that after the public hearing, there has to be a consideration period. There is no designation on how long that period is going to be. But then the City of Chehalis at that point and County Commissioners both have to vote on whether the annexation is going through or not. Once that occurs, guessing November, then it will go to the Boundary Review Board. Estimated timeline should be around January 15th unless something comes up that moves that date. Councilor Brian Watson asked what the

impact would be on Napavine. Stacy replied that really there shouldn't be an impact directly on Napavine, with the exception that Chehalis Police Dept. will probably have more interactions with Napavine and that part of Hamilton Road will be annexed. The frontage of Hamilton Road is part of the annexation package. The Breen property is not in, and they are not taking it in. That has already been taken to the Boundary Review Board, and they have determined that it's not going to come in, they wouldn't bring it into the UGA. Once the annexation occurs, next year Chehalis is going to clean up our boundaries, which is exactly what the expectation is, to include the Breen property. The one little piece will be removed and when that happens the understanding is the City of Napavine will look to annex that into their city limits. If the City of Napavine annexed that piece in, then Chehalis and Napavine could reach an agreement that would give Napavine that section of frontage. Chief Brockmueller asked if the City of Chehalis is prepared for the extra policing. Chehalis is down a few officers currently, but they are adding a couple more officers to be able to take care of the footprint, not necessarily the number of people. Chehalis may reach out for some assistance along those lines until they get up to speed. Please go to the City of Chehalis website and click on the banner, and you can post a question, a comment, and we will get back to you if you feel more comfortable with that instead of calling.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN

September 2025 2nd Council Meeting

Reference	Date		Amount	Notes
			$187,674.89	
The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:				
Accounts Payable	27	126	122,897.16	39998-40025
Electronic Payments	9	9	9,980.47	EFT*20250913-21
Payroll Vendors				
Electronic Payroll	2	2	14,691.23	EFT*20250922-23
ACH Direct Deposit	17	17	40,206.03	Payroll 9/1-9/15 2025
Total Vouchers	55	154	$187,774.89	
Void Checks 39695			(100.00)	
			$187,674.89	

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Pay the bills. Approval of the Vouchers dated September 2025-2nd Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
Discussion: No Discussion		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

ORD 672: TERMINATION & RELEASING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT W/ROGNLIN PROPERTIES, LLC – R. DENHAM

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approve Ordinance 672 Termination Agreement Rognlin Properties, LLC.
SECONDED:	Duane Crouse	
Discussion: No Discussion.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

AM25-14: ROGNLIN PROPERTIES, LLC/NAPAVINE INVESTORS, LLC RELEASE OF FUNDS – M. WHITTEN

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approve AM25-14 Rognlin Properties Release of Funds.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
Discussion: No Discussion		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

ADJOURNMENT: *Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6:24 p.m.*

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
Discussion: No Discussion.		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	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 or at the link https://fccdl.in/Xp3gWsl4HR .

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Denham, City Clerk | Shawn O'Neill, Mayor | Councilor