



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 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 Rachelle Denham.

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

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

CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approval of Agenda- As Presented.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
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 23, 2025.
SECONDED:	Duane Crouse	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Brockmueller – Chief of Police

- The report is in writing.

Bryan Morris - PW/CD Director

- The report is in writing.

Rachelle Denham – Clerk

- The report is in writing. A flyer was given to council members for AWC Elected Officials Training on December 6th, the cost is \$95 pp. Please let the clerk know if you want to attend so she can get it scheduled. Operations are normal.

Michelle Whitten - Treasurer

- The 2023-2024 State Audit has started and is planned to be a Hybrid which should save some money. Budget season is here as well and have been meeting with department heads to finalize where they are at, hoping to get that done next week.

Duane Crouse – Mayor Pro Tem

- Recently attended the First Amendment Training with city staff and Winlock. Also, participated in a call with the auditor for the State Audit.

Brian Watson – Councilor 1

- Had a question come up from a citizen last week regarding some building that was going on next to his property and he expressed some urgency in his e-mail wanting to talk with Director Morris. Even while on vacation Director Morris reached out to the citizen and answered his question. The accessibility to staff is appreciated.

Shawn O'Neill – Mayor

- Getting ready for the budget season meeting with staff. Saw that Officer Nichols was sworn in at Yelm Police Department, best of luck to him.

Deborah Graham – Planning Commission

- After a few months of not having a meeting the Planning Commission met and reviewed the mobile food truck code, and it was passed on to council.

Paula Sandirk – Funtime Festival

- Hoping to have the lighted parade at Christmas time and plan to have some cars at Trunk & Treat.

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

- Gene LaFond, 317 Ridgeview Dr – A longtime resident is concerned and upset about a 60x30 pole building being built in his neighborhood and feels that city codes are not being adhered to for this project. The building being built is in an R-2 zoning district, but R-1 permits can be allowed. It's not a single-family residence being built and it can't be occupied the way it's permitted. Mr. LaFond talked with a lawyer about what he can do as far as under the CC&R, very little. The lawyer suggested that he go to the city codes/zones and see where it falls. Mayor O'Neill provided feedback addressing the concerns Gene brought up and suggested having a meeting with Director Morris when he gets back from vacation to further discuss. Gene provided a packet of information to the Mayor, Council and City Clerk.
- Diane Boudreau, Neighbor to pole barn – Expressed her unhappiness with Bryan and how she got treated when talking with Bryan. She also expressed her concerns about the pole barn garage that is being built. It's not a house, it's not an apartment, it's not a condo, and it's not a duplex. The mayor provided a response to her concerns letting her know that he'll give transparent and clear government communication, whether it's information you want to hear or not. Mayor Pro Tem also commented that the issue that we're fighting against, the people in Olympia, they're looking at the tiny home type thing in people's backyards as we've got a huge homeless population, huge housing crisis, there's not enough houses for the number of people and areas like us are feeling the impact of their rulings.

- Christian Olsen, 231 Mitchell Lane – He expressed his concern for the pole building being built not to code in a single-family neighborhood. We live in a single family residential, and a non-single family residential building is being constructed.
- Jim Curtis, Napavine WA – Echoes what else has been said about the pole building being built. He moved to Napavine 20 years ago and built a deck on his property and had to jump through many hoops with the council. This seems unbelievable and don't let the State of WA push you around. He is concerned about safety and construction. The mayor asked that he bring the codes to us so we can review and have an effective conversation.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN

- October 2025 1st Council Meeting

Reference	Date	Amount	Notes
ACH Pay - 15768	10/2/2025	\$3,424.71	
ACH Pay - 15769	10/2/2025	\$2,010.85	
TOTAL		\$372,932.74	

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

Accounts Payable	41	164	143,165.80	40027-40071
Electronic Payments	4	4	135,709.94	EFT*20251006-09
Payroll Vendors	1	1	1,219.00	40026
Electronic Payroll	5	5	45,418.63	EFT*20251001-05
ACH Direct Deposit	17	17	47,419.37	Payroll 9/16-9/30 2025
Total Vouchers	68	191	\$372,932.74	

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Pay the bills. Approval of the Vouchers dated October 2025-1st Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

RESOLUTION 2025-10-164: ADOPTING LEWIS COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – R. DENHAM

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approve Resolution 2025-10-164 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6:51 p.m.

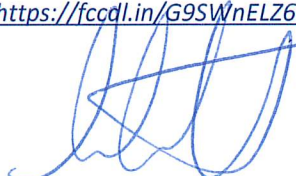
MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is available online from freeconferencecall.com or at the link <https://fcdl.in/G9SWnELZ6W>.

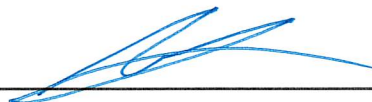
Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Denham, City Clerk



Shawn O'Neill, Mayor



Councilor