



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2026, 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.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Councilor, Ivan Wiediger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Shawn O'Neill led the flag salute.

OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ivan Wiediger was sworn in for Council Position 2. 4-Year Term. and Jeremy Germann for Council Position 4. 4-Year Term.

ROLL CALL:

Council members present: Shawn O'Neill Mayor, Ivan Wiediger Councilor #2, Donald Webster Councilor #3, Jeremy Germann Councilor #4, and Duane Crouse Mayor Pro Tem.

City staff members present: City Clerk – Rachele Denham, Treasurer - Michelle Whitten, Interim CD/PW Director – Katie Williams, Chief of Police – John Brockmueller, and Legal Counsel – Jim Buzzard.

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Excuse Brian Watson.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<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:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approval of the Minutes for December 10, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting,
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	
MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approval of the Minutes for December 10, 2025 – Public Hearing: 2026 Budget.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	
MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approval of the Minutes for December 10, 2025 – Public Hearing: Comprehensive Plan Update & Climate Resilience Element.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<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

- Greetings to the council. Stats will be provided at the next council meeting. Operations are normal.

Rachelle Denham – Clerk

- Greetings to the council. CPR will be offered on January 21st if any council members are interested let me know.

Michelle Whitten - Treasurer

- Greetings to the council and looking forward to a great year in 2026.

Katie Williams - Interim PW/CD Director

- Report in writing. There is an open position with Planning Commission, Position No.4. The guys are prepared for any storms with vehicles in tip-top shape.

Duane Crouse – Mayor Pro Tem

- Greetings to everyone and looking forward to 2026. Shoutout to all staff in stepping up and working together during the chaotic time end of 2025.

Jeremy Germann – Councilor 4

- Thanked the council and is looking forward to serving over the next four years.

Don Webster – Councilor 3

- Happy New Year to everyone.

Ivan Wiediger – Councilor 2

- Happy New Year to everyone.

Shawn O'Neill – Mayor

- Echoed Mayor Pro Tem. Was out of town in the first part of December. He kept updated on media and saw the chief and people's vehicles submerged. Thanked Duane for stepping in while gone. Also gave shout out to Michelle for a great budget season. Along with Katie for stepping up on her side. Kudos to everyone in the city for working well together.

Deborah Graham – Planning Commission

- There is an opening on Planning Commission, and the city is taking applications.

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

Jerry Nixon Apex Mobile Mix 2007-Napavine/Chehalis: Jerry addressed the council regarding the mayor’s length of service and raised concerns about who runs the Napavine Community Facebook Forum, describing a past discussion related to possible Indian artifacts at the truck stop site. Jerry stated that he believed some comments made in that forum were inappropriate.

Jerry also commented on the truck stop development, stating it began in 2023, was expected to be completed in August 2024, and was later shut down. He expressed his opinion that aspects of the project were not fully reported in local media and encouraged city leadership to reflect on past actions and hopes it will change.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN

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

Type	Invoices	Checks	Total	Voucher Numbers
Accounts Payable	67	43	45,964.83	40186-40218
Payroll Vendors	1	1	1,133.50	40216
Electronic Payments	6	6	13,124.17	EFT*20251217-19/26-28
Electronic Payroll	6	6	52,313.28	EFT*20251220-25
ACH Direct Deposit	17	17	51,729.90	Payroll 12/16-12/31

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Vouchers - Open Period 2025
Jan 13, 2026 1st Council Meeting

Reference	Date		Amount
Total Vouchers	97	73	\$164,265.68
Accounts Payable	77	21	425,406.18 40219-40239
Payroll Vendors			
Electronic Payments	3	3	640.59 EFT*2026-01-03
Electronic Payroll			
ACH Direct Deposit			
Total Vouchers	80	24	426,046.77
TOTAL			\$590,312.45

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Pay the bills. Approval of the Vouchers dated Open Period 2025- January 13, 2026 1 st Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Duane Crouse	
<i>Discussion: Councilor Wiediger asked for clarification on vouchers specifically Western United Civil Group, Treasurer Whitten stated it is for Jefferson Station pay estimate, around \$334k. Also, bracketed items, many are refunds from utility accounts that overpaid where we don't have current contact information. It goes back two years and is forwarded onto the WA State Unclaimed Properties.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

PROCLAMATION: HONORING COLLABORATION WITH THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE CHEHALIS RESERVATION – MAYOR O’NEILL

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approve Proclamation.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

NOVATION AGREEMENT: MOTT MACDONALD/STRATA GEOSCIENCES – K. WILLIAMS

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Approve Novation Agreement.
SECONDED:	Duane Crouse	
<i>Discussion: Legal counsel stated that Novation just means complete cancellation of the contract, legal term. Katies clarified that the name change is going from Motts to Strata.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

STRATA GEOSCIENCES SCOPE OF WORK / TERMS OF CONDITIONS – K. WILLIAMS

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approve Strata Geosciences Agreement-Scope of Work.
SECONDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

VERTICAL BRIDGE (VB BTS III LLC) LEASE AGREEMENT REVISION – R. DENHAM

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approve Vertical Bridge Lease Agreement Revision.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

ADJOURNMENT: *Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6:38 p.m.*

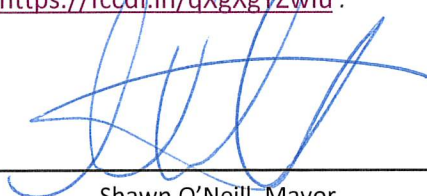
MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Denham, City Clerk



Shawn O’Neill, Mayor



Councilor