



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 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 City Clerk, Rachelle Denham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Shawn O'Neill led the flag salute.

OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Brian Watson was sworn in for Council Position 1, 4-Year Term.

ROLL CALL:

Council members present: Shawn O'Neill Mayor, Brian Watson Councilor #1, Ivan Wiediger Councilor #2, Donald Webster Councilor #3, Jeremy Germann Councilor #4.

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

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Excuse Mayor Pro Tem.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
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:	Brian Watson	
<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 Minutes for January
SECONDED:	Don Webster	13, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting,
<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. Report is in writing. Operations are normal.

Rachelle Denham – Clerk

- No report.

Michelle Whitten - Treasurer

- No report.

Katie Williams - Interim PW/CD Director

- Report in writing.

Brian Watson – Councilor 1

- Sports update-Both boys and girls basketball team ranking top 10 in state and looks to be headed to Spokane.

Shawn O'Neill – Mayor

- There have been a lot of changes and things happening around. Everyone in the office and out in the field have stepped up and worked together. Some small roadblocks pop up but everyone has picked up the pieces to keep things moving forward.

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 Councilman Watson. Jerry congratulated Watson on his new four-year term, then questioned him on why there has been no coverage in The Chronicle. Watson explains that he works in advertising. Jerry continues asking about media coverage and the mayor reminds him that the session is for comments, not questions. Jerry becomes tense and accuses the mayor of bullying people with his local government position. Legal counsel interjected, telling Jerry not to do this and that he is disrupting the meeting. Then Jerry stated that he had more to say, mentioned the lawsuit and asked if the city got it. Jerry argued that this is citizen business. The mayor cut off the back-and-forth conversation.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN

January 2026 Second Council Meeting

Reference	Date	Amount Notes
ACH Pay - 15911	1/16/2026	\$2,509.71
ACH Pay - 15912	1/16/2026	\$2,357.63
ACH Pay - 15913	1/16/2026	\$844.98
ACH Pay - 15914	1/16/2026	\$2,912.05
ACH Pay - 15915	1/16/2026	\$2,087.25
	TOTAL	\$112,594.93

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

Accounts Payable	34	16	23,587.08	40240-49/51-56
Payroll Vendors				
Electronic Payments	15	9	9,214.42	EFT20260109-17
Electronic Payroll	7	7	43,123.31	EFT*20260104-08/18-19
ACH Direct Deposit	15	15	36,670.12	Payroll 1/1-15, 2026
Total Vouchers	71	47	112,594.93	

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Pay the bills. Approval of the Vouchers dated January 27, 2026 2nd Council Meeting.
SECONDDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

PLANNING COMMISSION CANDIDATES POSITION#4 INTRODUCTION

Christian Loose addressed the council and expressed why he would like to serve on the Planning Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-QUALIFICATION OF AN APPLICANT/CANDIDATE FOR APPOPINTMENT TO ELECTIVE OFFICE (RCW 42.30.110(1)(H)).

The mayor announced that the council will meet in executive session starting at 6:16pm until 6:22pm. The council is expected to take further action following the executive session during the regular council meeting.

ILA Riverside Fire Authority - K. Williams

MOVED:	Brian Watson	Motion: Approve ILA with Riverside Fire Authority.
SECONDDED:	Don Webster	
<i>Discussion: Don Webster asked how much this will cost the city. Katie provided a response that it will not cost the city. RFA will charge based on fee schedule and their service which are covered by the fire permit fees and charged to the permit applicant. This is a service that is being provided if needed. Councilman Wiediger asked why not District 5. Katie stated that what she has heard with prior conversations is that currently and for a while now the fire dept hasn't had anyone to take on these larger projects. Terry from RFA did provide a synopsis of what the intention is if they are used for services and was included in the packet.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

Appointment & Confirmation Of Planning Commission Position No.4 - Mayor

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Appoint Christian Loose as Planning
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	Commission Position No4.
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

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

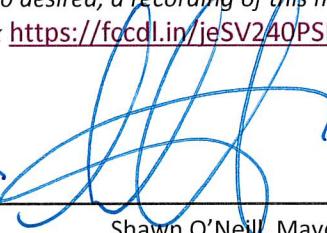
MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	4-0 Motion Carried: 4 aye and 0 nay.	

These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is available online from freeconferencecall.com or at the link <https://focdl.in/jeSV240PSH>.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Denham, City Clerk



Shawn O'Neill, Mayor



Councilor