

NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 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 at 6:00pm.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Rachele Denham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Shawn O’Neill led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

City staff members present: City Clerk – Rachele Denham, Chief of Police – John Brockmueller, PW Director – Will Tastad, and Treasurer - Michelle Whitten.

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Excuse Councilors Brian Watson and Don Webster.
SECONDED:	Duane Crouse	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 aye and 0 nay.	

CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Jeremy German	Motion: Approval of Agenda- As Presented.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 aye and 0 nay.	

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approval of the Minutes for April 14, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting,
SECONDED:	Jeremy Germann	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 aye and 0 nay.	

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Brockmueller – Chief of Police

- Greetings to the council. No Report. Operations are normal.

Will Tastad – PW Director

- Report is in writing. He stated there is an item on the agenda.

Rachele Denham – Clerk

- No Report.

Michelle Whitten – Treasurer

- Operations are normal.

Duane Crouse – Mayor Pro Tem

- He has been selected to serve on the Napavine School District Career Training Education Advisory Board and the Lewis County Law and Justice Council Committee. Attended the Othello Council Meeting and is thankful for the City of Napavine Council.

Shawn O’Neill- Mayor

- Things have been very quiet overall, with not much new to report. Will has been fitting in well, he’s been responsive, engaged, and making a strong effort to connect with everyone. Appreciation was expressed for his work and for the team. Recognition was also given to the Chief and crew for their visible presence and efforts in the city. Thanks were extended to everyone, including the Clerk and Treasurer, for their hard work.

Debbie Graham

- Hopefully the Comp Plan Implementation has been completed, and the council should have it in front of them within the next few months.

Sandra White-LCFD5

- New building has epoxy on the floors and asphalt is down in front of the building. The fire department will host the annual levy class which will be open to all junior taxing districts to include; schools, fire, hospitals, library, cemetery, water/sewer districts. The County Assessor will be the guest speaker and date is to be determined. The volunteer Fire Academy Graduation is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 14th at Jesters Museum and the time is to be determined.

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

Matt Gelder: Raised concerns about the RC track and offered to help lead volunteer maintenance along with other people who would like to see the park be maintained so it could be used. It was understood that the city was to be maintaining the RC Track. The mayor explained past efforts and current limits due to budget, manpower, and liability but was open to a volunteer partnership. Both sides agreed to work together on a possible solution.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN

April 2026 2nd Council Meeting

Reference	Date		Amount	Notes
			\$122,762.50	
The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:				
Accounts Payable	89	24	62,639.24	40426-40450
Payroll Vendors				
Electronic Payments	7	7	1,549.84	Eft*20260418-24
Electronic Payroll	4	4	19,373.42	Eft*20260415-17/23
ACH Direct Deposit	17	17	39,300.00	Payroll Apr 1-15, 2026
Total Vouchers	117	52	122,862.50	
Voided Check 40422			(100.00)	
			\$122,762.50	

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Pay the bills. Approval of the Vouchers dated April 28, 2026 2nd Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Jeremy Germann	
<i>Discussion: Councilor Ivan Wiediger thanked Treasurer Whitten for quickly answering his questions on vouchers.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 aye and 0 nay.	

REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT:2026 DODGE DURANGO – CHIEF BROCKMUELLER

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approve request for Budget Amendment: 2026 Dodge Durango.
SECONDED:	Jeremy Germann	
<i>Discussion: Treasurer Whitten clarified that since the crash happened after budget was approved that it was not a budgeted line item. We are receiving funds from the insurance company so it will show on revenues and the expenditure on the car. The Clerk informed the council of the revised Council Agenda Routing Form which replaces the Action Memorandum. This provides the council with more detailed information about the item being presented.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 aye and 0 nay.	

CITY PARKS: DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL-W. TASTAD

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Schedule a Workshop for May 12 th at 5:30PM to discuss parks.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: The council would like to work on improving local parks and recreational spaces, The mayor would like to see and suggested forming a parks commission, an idea discussed years ago but never happened. They proposed a workshop to brainstorm improvements for spaces like the baseball fields, RC Park and other parks in the city. Areas to discuss are better use of parks, involving volunteers in maintenance and upkeep, looking into city liability before implementing volunteer efforts, and continuing collaboration with the school.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 aye and 0 nay.	

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

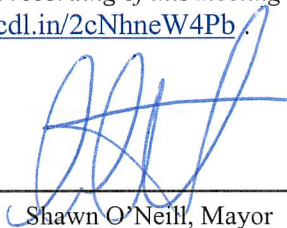
MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiedieger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 aye and 0 nay.	

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/2cNhneW4Pb>.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Denham, City Clerk



Shawn O'Neill, Mayor



Councilor