



WORKSHOP-CITY PARKS @ 5:30PM

The council and staff discussed all city parks. Discussion took place on priorities, funding, and future planning. There is support for creating a community parks advisory group, though concerns were raised about volunteer participation. The Treasurer noted that the city may have REET/Capital Improvement funds available for park planning/projects along with some grant opportunities which can be looked at deeper during budget season.

Amphitheater/RC park area by: Strong interest to include:

- Flattening and reseeding the RC area
- Hosting community movie nights and family events
- Outdoor movie licensing was estimated at roughly \$300-\$700 annually.
- Additional restrooms near the amphitheater/baseball complex were identified as a major need, though permanent construction could cost \$200,000+

Robert Cook Day Park: Smaller improvements to include:

- Fencing near the basketball court
- Clearing brush
- Adding benches and maintenance upgrades
- Sealing the basketball court

Skate Park:

- Repairing safety issues
 - Repainting ramps
 - Partnering with the school art class to see if they would like to do a project like in the past
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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, Brain Watson Councilor #1, Ivan Wiediger Councilor #2, Don Webster Councilor #3, Jeremy Germann Councilor #4, and Duane Crouse Mayor Pro Tem.

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

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:	5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay.	

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOVED:	Brian Watson	Motion: Approval of the Minutes for April 28, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting,
SECONDED:	Jeremy Germann	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay.		

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Brockmueller – Chief of Police

- Report-Stats in writing.

Rachelle Denham – Clerk

- Report is in writing. Whitten and I will be attending the Women’s In Business Seminar, hosted by the Economic Alliance of Lewis County.

Will Tastad – PW Director

- Report is in writing, operations normal. He mentioned that the city will continue the water apprenticeship program and made an offer to the candidate along with summer help. Thanked Rachelle for the introduction to the Economic Alliance.

Michelle Whitten – Treasurer

- Report is in writing.

Don Webster-Council Member #4

- Thanked the fire department and police for their great work regarding an emergency with his brother.

Brian Watson – Council Member #1

- Attended the Rob Scholarship Awards Banquet last Thursday and was given the opportunity to be the Key Speaker.

Shawn O’Neill- Mayor

- Applauded Admin staff for working together. Will has big shoes to fill but is doing a great job. Gave acknowledgement recognizing Police Week May 12th-15th and Public Works Week May 17th-23rd which will be recognized annually in appreciation. The city extends appreciation to the police department for their service, professionalism, and dedication to the community. The mayor and city council also recognize and thanked the Public Works employees for their commitment to maintaining and improving the infrastructure and safety.

Sandra White-LCFD5

- The volunteer Fire Academy Graduation is tomorrow at Jesters Museum, 6:30PM. The doors have arrived and are installed in the new building. They are large with lots of windows and EMS calls are 426.

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

Shawn O’Neill-528 3rd Ave Napavine: Shawn echoed a comment that was made by Sandra earlier about how it takes a village and Napavine is doing good with their team spirit to run a city. He also mentioned that he feels that we have the best council in the county and staff is awesome.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN

May 2026 1st Council meeting

Reference	Date	Amount
NV0000184 Schneider	4/21/2026	\$21.00
NV0000185 Shipp	4/21/2026	\$18.00
Total		\$338,067.13

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

Accounts Payable	92	29	240911.36	40451/453-480
Payroll Vendors	1	1	1049.00	40452
Electronic Payments	2	1	39.00	EFT*20260508
Electronic Payroll	7	7	55567.24	EFT*20260501-07
ACH Direct Deposit	17	17	40500.53	Payroll Apr 16-31 2026
Total Vouchers	119	55	\$ 338,067.13	

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: Pay the bills. Approval of the Vouchers dated May 12, 2026 1st Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay.	

RESOLUTION 26-05-174: SURPLUS 2015 DODGE CHARGER- J. BROCKMUELLER

MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: Approve Resolution 26-05-174.
SECONDED:	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: Councilor Wiediger asked what the</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried: 5 aye and 0 nay.	

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6:17 p.m.

MOVED:	Don Webster	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	5-0 Motion Carried: 5 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/xQycuOAmZ>.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Denham

Rachelle Denham, City Clerk

[Handwritten signature of Shawn O'Neill]

Shawn O'Neill, Mayor

Councilor