



NAPAVINE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 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 6:00 pm following a Workshop on Lewis County Public Safety Tax.

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, Jeremy Germann Councilor #4, and Duane Crouse Mayor Pro Tem.

City staff members present: City Clerk – Rachelle Denham, City Treasurer – Michelle Whitten, Public Works Director – Will Tastad, and Chief of Police – John Brockmueller. *Not Present: Legal Counsel-Jim Buzzard.

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Excuse Don Webster and Ivan Wiediger.
SECONDED:	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: Council Member Wiediger was excused at roll call and arrived prior to New Business. He was present for the remainder of the meeting.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 ayes and 0 nays.	

CONSENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Brian Watson	Motion: Approval of Agenda- As Presented.
SECONDED:	Jeremy Germann	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 ayes and 0 nays.	

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOVED:	Brian Watson	Motion: Approval of the Minutes for July 14, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Jeremy Germann	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 3-0 Motion Carried: 3 ayes and 0 nays.		
MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approval of the Minutes for July 14, 2026 – Public Hearing-City Proposed Development Codes.
SECONDED:	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 3-0 Motion Carried: 3 ayes and 0 nays.		

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Brockmueller – Chief of Police

- Greetings, no written report and operations are normal. The two new Dodge Durango's are here. Still working to fill the open position.

Rachelle Denham – Clerk

- No Report.

Will Tastad – PW Director

- Report is in writing. Business as normal.

Michelle Whitten – Treasurer

- No Report.

Mayor Pro Tem – Duane Crouse

- Attended the Funtime Festival and spoke at the dedication of the new fire station. AWC training via Zoom and Flood Authority meeting.

Shawn O'Neill – Mayor

- Attended the Napavine Funtime Festival and it was a great event that lasted into the evening. Looking forward to the community meeting on Thursday with hopes of making the event better next year!

Deborah Graham – Planning Commission

- The last meeting was July 6th. Working to finalize the Critical Areas Code and after next review it will be forwarded on to the council.

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

- George Dodd-Lewis County: Provided information for Veterans or spouses of veterans who may be eligible for assistance through the Veterans Relief Fund.

PRESENTATION: RIDE INTO HISTORY AT THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIR, AUGUST 11TH 16TH 2026 – EDNA FUND

- Several members of the fair board spoke about the fair and events planned for this year. There were misc. fliers handed out about the fair activities and pricing. Opening ceremonies will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM and would love to see everyone attend.

NEW BUSINESS**VOUCHERS- M. WHITTEN**

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

Accounts Payable	65	12	160,573.23	40600-40622
Payroll Vendors			-	
Electronic Payments	5	5	481.77	EFT*20260715-19
Electronic Payroll	2	2	14,188.66	EFT*20260720-21
ACH Direct Deposit	17	17	40,811.14	Payroll Jul 1-15, 2026
Total Vouchers	89	36	216,054.80	

MOVED:	Jeremy Germann	Motion: Pay the bills. Approval of the Vouchers dated July 28, 2026 – 2nd Council Meeting.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 ayes and 0 nays.	

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: SEALINK – W. TASTAD

MOVED:	Duane Crouse	Motion: Approve Franchise Agreement with Sealink.
SECONDED:	Brian Watson	
<i>Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem asked if all the different companies coming in, is there a way they can all use the same hole, same conduit, same or is it all fresh, like dig once? Director Tastad replied that he doesn't have an answer for that besides different companies have different colored conduits. Although he mentioned that in the public works standards, new construction must be underground.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 ayes and 0 nays.	

TREE REMOVAL 229 PARKSIDE LOOP – W. TASTAD

MOVED:	Brian Watson	Motion: Removal of tree at 229 Parkside Loop.
SECONDED:	Ivan Wiediger	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 ayes and 0 nays.	

ADJOURNMENT: *Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6:36 p.m.*

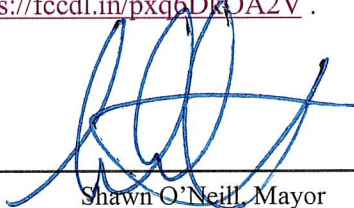
MOVED:	Ivan Wiediger	Motion: To Adjourn – Close of Meeting
SECONDED:	Duane Crouse	
<i>Discussion: No Discussion.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	3-0 Motion Carried: 3 ayes and 0 nays.	

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/pxq6DkOA2V>.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Denham, City Clerk



Shawn O'Neill, Mayor



Councilor