

TOWN OF NACHES COUNCIL MINUTES

July 10, 2023

Present: Mayor Williams
Councilman Weekes
Councilwoman Schneider
Councilman Hawver
Councilwoman Hawver
Councilwoman Williams

Absent:

Others in Attendance: Admin. Ranger , Attorney Shinn, Clerk/Treasurer Birrueta

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Williams. Councilmember present Councilman Weekes, Councilwoman Schneider, Councilman Hawver, Councilwoman Hawver and Councilwoman Williams. Mayor Williams led the Council/Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Honors & Recognition None

Additions to the Agenda None

Approve Agenda Councilwoman Hawver moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Councilman Weekes moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Schneider. Motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda includes

- a) Approve Study Minutes of 6/12/2023.
- b) Approve minutes of 6/12/2023 Regular Council Meeting.
- c) Approve Claim checks, Second Payment June 21, 2023 claim check No. 21797 through 21806, 3 ACH Payments Dept. of Revenue, Banner bank & Creative Artist Total of \$115,285.23 Claim checks dated July 10, 2023 check# 21813 through 21847 1 manual check# 5524 and 1 ACH payment Banner

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Bank-Fuel Total of \$428,085.73

- d) Approve those Payroll Checks dated June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$43,354.05 Check #21807 through 21812, 3 ACH payments to Aflac, DRS, and IRS.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Commission

None

Sheriff's Report/

Lt. Hendrickson attended the meeting. The report shows 39 calls for the month of June 2023. Lt. Hendrickson discussed some of the calls. 5 of those calls were related to the same address. One of the calls was an assault, there's a few business alarms. Admin. Ranger requested some of the contract time to be spent at the July 14th event either at the event center or at the elementary school. Councilwoman Hawver stated that the park is hosting regional swim meet on Saturday and Sunday July 15th and 16th. Some will be camping at the park and RV's go park at the high school. There will be about 1500 swimmers participating, its Central Washington swim meet. FYI for Carl of more traffic at the park area. Someone on the audience stated that her parking has been blocked before during swim meet's and would like to know what can she do, the Mayor suggested she should call the Sheriff's Office.

YVCOG

None

Lion's Club

Where is the location for Sportsman's Days the answer is it'll be at the Depot park area. for Mayor Williams asked Mr. Baker if he was going to let the Lion's Club for use his building for Bingo and Mr. Baker stated that he would as long as he was done doing the necessary progress with the renovations currently working on the flooring. Mr. Baker also stated that would love to have the building open to the public to see the space and maybe someone would have a great idea for a business.

Naches Depot Advisory Committee

None

None

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| Addition to the Agenda | None |
| Public Hearing | None |
| Presentation | None |
- Unfished Business
- a) Mobility Grant Application (DOT) Park & Ride. No further discussion was desired by Council.
 - b) Urban Growth Boundary Request to Yakima County. No further discussion was desired by Council.
 - c) USDA Rural Development Grant/Loan for Phase II of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. No further discussion was desired.
 - d) Yakima County Fire District No. 3: the annexation process.
 - e) US Hwy 12 Study Corridor. No further discussion.
 - f) Warehouse Demolition- TAP Funding. No further discussion. Mr. Baker from the audience had a question regarding the bid process on the demolition of the building. Mayor Williams stated that when the agenda gets to the audience participation he will have Admin. Ranger addressed his question.
- New Business
- a) USDA Loan Resolution, for the USDA Bond.
 - b) Water Use Efficiency Goal (WUE) the report was submitted to Washington State Department of Health. The goal is prevent water losses. Someone in the audience asked what is the target for the water prevention loss, 10%.
 - c) USDA First Bond closing of \$2,361,000 sewer revenue bond, 2023A
 - d) Progress Estimate No. 04 for work performed by Pacific Civil & Infrastructure, Inc., for work performed through June 20, 2023 the total due the contractor of \$387,794.93 is net after retainage, per contract documents. Councilwoman Hawver moved to approve progress estimate No. 04. Seconded by Councilman Hawver. Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolutions & Ordinance

- a) Proposed Resolution No. 2023-11: A resolution of the Town of Naches, Washington, approving and adopting the “USDA-RD RUS BULLETIN 1780-27 LOAN RESOLUTION” in the format proposed by USDA. Councilwoman Hawver moved to approved resolution No. 2023-11. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) Proposed Resolution No. 2023-12: A resolution of the Town of Naches, Washington, adopting water use efficiency goals. Councilwoman Hawver moved to approve resolution No. 2023-12. Seconded by Councilwoman Schneider. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) Proposed Ordinance No. 784: An ordinance of the Town of Naches, Washington, relating to the sewer system of the Town; providing for issuance of a taxable sewer revenue bond of the Town in the principal amount of \$2,361.000 for the purpose of proving funds to pay costs of the acquisition, construction and installation of improvements to the Town’s sewer system; Fixing the terms and covenants of the bond; creating, adopting and continuing certain funds and accounts; providing for the issuance of additional bonds; approving the sale and proving for the delivery of the bond to the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture; and proving for related matters. Councilwoman moved. Councilman Hawver asked for clarification if the passage of this bond would increase taxes. The answer is no the improvements are on the sewer system and there has been discussion of the sewer rate increases. Councilwoman Hawver again moved to approve ordinance 784. Seconded by Councilman Hawver. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation

Elliot Baker stated address 208 Naches Avenue, Councilwoman Hawver stated that Mr. Baker does not live at 208 Naches Avenue. Mr. Baker stated that it is his business location. You have to state where you reside. Mr. Baker then stated 9351 S Naches Rd. Mr. Baker stated that this is month four with same subject

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signage on US Hwy 12 for his business. Mr. Baker stated that there is an ordinance that has been kicked down the road for 20 years. Mr. Baker stated that he brought a license last month and shared with Mayor and Council from the State of Washington. Mayor Williams asked if there was an objection to Mr. Baker putting his sign up on US Hwy 12 that has been permitted by WSDOT. Admin. Ranger answered no as long as he has clearance from WSDOT because that's who permitted the sign and not the Town. Mayor Williams reiterated that the Town doesn't have an objection to his signage permitted by WSDOT if he meets all of WSDOT guidance. Mr. Baker stated that the Town holds higher authority for him to put up that sign and he also stated that there is an ordinance from the Town. Mayor Williams stated that to his knowledge there is no ordinance saying he can't put up his sign, Mayor Williams stated that to his knowledge he has a permit from WSDOT to establish a sign you have there and the Town doesn't have an objection with the State allowing you to put that sign up. If the State has an issue with that sign then you would have to deal with the State. Councilman Hawver acknowledged that the new business in town has place a nice sign out there on US Hwy 12 that encourages visitors to check out the down town area. At this time Admin. Ranger addressed Mr. Baker's question regarding funding for the warehouse demolition. Admin. Ranger stated that he is on different boards and the fact is that every three years the town advertises for engineering RFQ's, per RCW's. HLA, Inc., has been the town engineer for quite some time. When you seat on a board and funding becomes available you submit an application that will include the town's engineers cost estimate for each project. The process is lengthy and it doesn't happen overnight. The Town is partnering with Yakima County since they owned the warehouse. The Town has a 99 year lease with the County for Depot area. One of the audience asked when is the bid going out for advertisement on the warehouse demolition. Staff is hopeful to have it advertise in August and demolition in October 2023.

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Executive Session	a) RCW 42.30.110 (i) To discuss potential litigation with legal counsel UGA appeal to Eastern Washington Hearing Board. Mayor Williams announce going in to the executive session that will last 30 minutes at 7:02 p.m. The Council Meeting will continue to the public at 7:32 p.m. The doors were reopened to the public at 7:32 p.m. No members of the public returned to the open meeting.
Other Business	None
Council FYI Items	None
Continue meeting or adjourn: 7:34 pm.	With no other business to be discuss, Councilwoman Hawver moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Schneider. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Paul D Williams, Mayor

Elvira Birrueta, Clerk Treasurer