

**TOWN OF NACHES COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 11, 2023**

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| Present:               | Absent:                   |
| Mayor Williams         |                           |
| Councilman Weekes      |                           |
| Councilwoman Schneider | Excused Councilman Hawver |
| Councilwoman Hawver    |                           |
| Councilwoman Williams  |                           |

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

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

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| Honors & Recognition | None |
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| Additions to the Agenda | None |
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| Approve Agenda | Councilwoman Williams moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Schneider. Motion carried unanimously. |
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| Consent Agenda | Councilwoman Hawver moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Schneider. Motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda includes <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Approve Study Minutes of 8/14/2023.</li><li>b) Approve minutes of 8/14/2023 Regular Council Meeting.</li><li>c) Approve Claim checks, Second Payment August 23, 2023 claim check No. 21931 through 21935, 4 ACH Payments Dept. of Revenue, 2-Banner bank, Creative &amp; Pitney Bowes Total of \$30,076.02 Claim checks dated September 10, 2023 check# 21943 through 21985 2 manual check# 5000, 5528,</li></ol> |
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and 4 ACH payment Banner Bank-Fuel,  
creative artist, Harland checks & Pitney  
Bowes Total of \$369,691.61

- d) Approve those Payroll Checks dated August 31, 2023 in the amount of \$50,260.55 Check #21936 through 21942, 3 ACH payments to Aflac, DRS, and IRS.

**REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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| Planning Commission                                   | None  |
| Sheriff's Report/                                     | Lt. Hendrickson attended the meeting. The report shows 26 calls for the month of August 2023. Lt. Hendrickson discussed some of the calls.  |
| YVCOG   | None  |
| Lion's Club   | Ryan Lambert President of the Naches Lions Club spoke regarding the Naches Lions Club Sportsman's Days Event September 8 & 9 <sup>th</sup> at the Depot area. Mr. Lambert reported a successful event overall and he thought the event went very well.  |
| WSDOT Traffic Study at Depot During Sportsman's Days. | Councilwoman Hawver gave a report, she participated at the Depot during Sportsman's Days with WSDOT, she spoke about the surveys, public participation and the potential changes on US Hwy 12 changing the flow of traffic, she said it was productive and she learned a lot.   |
| Naches Depot Advisory Committee                       | None  |
| Addition to the Agenda                                | None  |
| Public Hearing  | a) A Public Hearing was opened at 6:46 p.m. to receive comments regarding the proposed zoning ordinance under Naches Municipal Code 15.12 Flood Damage Prevention as required by Department of Ecology. No audience from the public gave testimony the Public Hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.<br>b) A Public Hearing was opened at 6:47 p.m. to receive comments regarding the proposed Naches Municipal Code Amendment under chapter 17. New section, short- |

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term rentals, conditional permit required. Steven Bentz located at 10440 Old Naches Hwy spoke in favor of the amendment and as the applicant requesting the amendment. No other comments were received during the Public Hearing the Public Hearing closed at 6:49 p.m. the regular Council Meeting concluded.

Presentation                      None

### Unfinished Business

- a) Mobility Grant Application (DOT) Park & Ride. Waiting on one release.
- b) Urban Growth Boundary Request to Yakima County. No 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. No further discussion.
- e) WSDOT/ Naches US Hwy 12 Study Corridor. Public outreach during Sportsman's Days weekend.
- f) Warehouse Demolition- TAP Funding. No further discussion.
- g) Flood Damage Prevention Update. Updating the Town of Naches Municipal Code as required by Washington State Department of Ecology.
- h) Local Parks Maintenance application grant funding (RCO).
- i) Town of Naches Purchasing procedures and resolution.
- j) TIB application resurfacing 4<sup>th</sup> Street from the Old Naches Hwy to Naches Avenue.

### New Business

- a) Town of Naches Municipal Code Text Amendment request chapter 17.xx.010 Short-Term rentals. (Non-Project SEPA and Public Hearing process).
- b) 2024 Budget Schedule for the Town of Naches. Setting all the Public Hearings required. Councilwoman Schneider move to approve the 2024 budget schedule. Seconded Councilwoman

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- Williams. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) Yakima County Sheriff notice of law enforcement rate increase for the 2024 fiscal year for the Town of Naches the increase is about 16%.
  - d) Yakima Consortium for Regional Public Safety (YAKCOPRS) proposed amendment and signature page. The amendment includes Public Safety Radio Communications. Councilwoman Williams moved to approve the (YAKCORPS) agreement. Seconded by Councilman Weekes. Motion carried unanimously.
  - e) Progress Estimate No. 06 for work performed by Pacific Civil & Infrastructure, Inc., for work performed through August 20, 2023 the total due the contractor of \$252,350.00 is net after retainage, per contract documents. Councilwoman Hawver moved to approve progress estimate No. 06. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.
  - f) Planning Commission Application from Ryan Lambert. Mr. Lambert spoke at the podium and requested to be considered for the Planning Commission position. Councilwoman Hawver move to approve Ryan Lambert as a Planning Commission member for the Town of Naches. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.
  - g) Washington State Department of Commerce Climate Planning grants. The Town of Naches has to go through the process of updating the Naches Comprehensive Plan mandated by the State. There's a new climate section also mandated to be implemented to the Town of Naches. The grant is \$100K for each mandate. Staff is requesting to delay them 30 to 60 days on applying for these grants at this time staff is working on the 2024 budget and the grant funds don't go away.

### Resolutions & Ordinance

- a) Proposed Resolution No. 2023-14: A resolution of the Town of Naches, Washington, codifying the Town of Naches financial policies related to purchasing procedures, commitment authority

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and cost allocation. Councilwoman Hawver moved to approve resolution No. 2023-14. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) Proposed Resolution No. 2023-15: A resolution of the Town of Naches, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to sign the local parks maintenance program application authorization. Councilwoman Williams move to approve resolution 2023-15. Seconded by Councilman Weekes. Motion carried unanimously.

### Audience Participation

Michelle Carrell ( Shelly) 306 Tieton Avenue Shelly wants to address something brought up by Councilwoman Hawver proceed political alliance whatever is going on that kind of statement. I think is important for Council to understand that you are not to blame yourselves there are plenty of things that have being said that have gotten back to ears about Councilmembers making statements and I will address one that I witness first hand Councilwoman Schneider dropped the F bomb to my husband on Naches Avenue in front of Sticky Fingers on Sunday morning, she was very verbal and loud. You are not without blame before you start throwing rocks make sure you look in the mirror make sure you are not throwing rock that come back to you.

Bill Davis 23 W Third Street- I didn't know I had much to say Mayor Williams I have a lot of respect for you. I'm running on the issue of how the Town grows. I will start with a gentleman in the room suggested that the reason why Patty was put as Grant Marshall is so I can get votes. The Lions Club chose Patty because she was Ms. Sportsman's Days in 1970 and Sportsman's Days was cancelled due to slave vote was not allowed. I have no idea there was a car for me I had no idea there was signs 2 people in the parade offered to carry the signs for me I had no idea there would be an issue. Mayor Williams answered with you do understand that we are not objecting you, Council was asking the Lions Club if they were aware of it and if that was their policy, the Lions Club president already stated that is not their policy and now you are telling us that it wasn't preplanned and I can't speak for everybody but I believe you. If there is any heart feelings that was not intent here.

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Matthew McCoy 137 Apple Loop #B at the last Council meeting Mr. Mayor you made some comments about a friend of yours in Wapato and spoke some derogatory Native dialect I'm just curious if you are racist and or profiling me because I'm Native. Mayor Williams at this particular point since you brought it up, I wasn't aware of your heritage, since I was born and raised in the lower valley I have many friends I was relating a story that a friend related to me the fact that he's a member of the Nation that is just who he was.

Todd Huck 1382 US Hwy 12 Naches Washington not a town resident. Mayor you stated before that the Town is not a developer and do you still stand by that. Mayor Williams answered yes. Mr. Huck so you being denied the city has been denied this UGA, you are spending countless amount of money tax payer dollars to continue this as a developer I've done some homework I talked to some developers about the cost they would incurred on something like this trying to bring some land in the UGA the developer is not here. Why is the land owner not hiring a developer, you have Town Council that would benefit. Mayor Williams reiterated I'm pushing for this UGA for growth of the Town, trying to facilitate by putting infrastructure in first. The only one benefiting is the Town of Naches no one else.

Andrew Matala 104 E Second Street. Mr. Matala stated that when Mayor Williams stated that we want growth for the Town of Naches, He is not referring to the "us" in the audience he wants to know what happens with the transparency discussion about the UGA. I would like to make it clear on the record is that when you have an executive session to discuss attorney client privilege? If the attorney is paid by the General fund why is the attorney not representing us the people and only representing Mayor and Council. Mayor Williams answered with we are the client because we represent the Town. We are having an executive session to discuss litigation. Mr. Matala has another question in the future does the Town plan compete with the Naches Sportsman's Days? Mayor Williams asked Mr. Matala if he was representing the Lion's Club or if he is a Lions Club member Mr. Matala refused to answer. Mayor Williams asked Ryan Lambert the Lion's club president if Mr. Matala was representing the Lions club or if he was a lion's club member and the answer is no he is not. Mayor Williams responded with then I will not answer

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your question. Mr. Matala asked if someone in the audience that is a Lion's Club member would ask that question. Ron Freeze from the audience answered with yes I would like to say something from the Lion's Club we are a service club not a political club we are here to serve everything we do, we don't even ask for a thank you, so I don't know why you guys are dragging the Lion's Club into this damn mess you guys have created. Dotty Armstrong I would like to know what is happening with the mowed area along the greenway there is tree's taken out. Admin. Ranger answered with that is a private property. Mayor Williams stated that there is not much the Town can do on private property the Town doesn't have authority.

Executive Session

Executive Session

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.

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Paul D Williams, Mayor

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Elvira Birrueta, Clerk Treasurer