TOWN OF NACHES
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

THERE WAS NO STUDY SESSION SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2026

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COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order

Present:
Mayor Davis
Councilmember Hawver
Councilmember Carrell
Councilmember Sigler
Councilmember Matala
Councilmember Williams

Others in Attendance: Michael Shinn, Town Attorney; Treesa Morales, Town Administrator; Dorraine Bigby, Town Clerk/Treasurer

1) **Call to Order**

   A. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

2) **Honors and Recognition-** Mayor Davis thanked everyone for a successful Sportsman's Days, highlighting the Lion's Club and all of their hard work.

3) **Additions to Agenda-** Administrator Morales requested to have Safe Route to School Grant and Engineer Planning Grant for Allan Rd. added to section 12 B and 12 C of the general Council meeting.

4) **Approve Agenda -**Councilmember Hawver moved to approve the agenda with the addition to 12B and 12C Councilmember Matala seconded. Mayor Davis called for a vote. All signified with "Aye". Motion carries.

5) **Consent Agenda-** Mayor Davis presented the Consent Agenda and requested a motion to approve. Councilmember Hawver moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Matala seconded. Mayor Davis called for a vote. All signified with "Aye." Motion carries.

   A. Approval of Minutes from 8/10/2026 Study Session and Regular Council Meeting
   B. Approval of Claims and Payroll

6) **Reports/Announcements**

A. Sheriff's Report- Chief Hendrickson shared that there were 27 calls last month, which is normal. He shared the specifics pertaining to a few calls that dealt with motorcycle theft, and a hit and run using a stolen car. Councilmember Williams shared that she went on a ride along this past month and found it very beneficial. Councilmember Hawver shared that a flock camera near Applewood Park had been cut down and that she had found it and called and reported the damage. Councilmember Matala asked how many flock cameras are in the Town of Naches and Administrator Morales was able to answer that there will be a total of five flock cameras. Chief Hendrickson let Council know that there was a recent inquiry about the flock camera near the school and clarified that that camera does not face the school.

7) **Petitions – None**

8) **Audience Participation-** Katy Carver, 202 Marvin St. Naches, WA addressed Council with a concern. She stated that drivers (particularly from the apartments on E. First) speed going upwards of 40-60 MPH and barely stop at the stop sign. She shared this has been going on for more than two years, and that her truck that is parked on the street, has been hit. She indicated that she has called the Sheriff's department and they have promised extra patrols in that area. According to Mrs. Carver the Sheriff's Department has not followed through with that promise. Katy Carver stated that something needs to be done and would like the Council's help to resolve the issue.

9) **Public Hearings –**

A. Open Record Public Hearing to Discuss the Estimated Revenues and Property Tax to be Levied for Fiscal Year 2027.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing at 6:45 pm and invited Town Clerk/Treasurer Dorraine Bigby up to the podium. Clerk/Treasurer Bigby reviewed the 2027 projected revenue drafts and shared that the Town is requesting council to consider increases to water and garbage rates; also letting Council know that a decision did not need to be made at this meeting but is good to keep in mind as the Town moves into budget season. Clerk/Treasurer Bigby shared that the council would need to consider rate increases to ensure the funds are covering the cost of expenditures. Clerk/Treasurer Bigby also noted that investments are incurring more revenue in 2026 than anticipated but also noted that the staff recommends Council to adopt the 1% property tax levy increase for 2027. Councilmember Matala asked if the increased revenue in investments would offset the need for water and garbage rate increase? Administrator

Morales explained that although investments are coming in higher than expected, it is not enough to make up the difference in projected increases. Administrator Morales said that all of the big funds (water, sewer, garbage) need to be self-sustaining. Council asked if the need to increase garbage rates is due to Yakima Waste increasing the cost to the Town; the answer was yes. Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:07 pm after asking for any further discussion, which there was none.

10) Presentations/Approved Additions to Agenda- None

11) Unfinished/~~Old~~ Business-

A. Discussion as requested regarding the Arborvitae Trees on Old Naches Highway between the East entrance to Apple Loop and West Town Limits.

Mayor Davis started the conversation reminding everyone that during the August meeting Council had made the decision to remove the trees but wanted Attorney Shinn to further investigate into prior agreements. Attorney Shinn let Council know that after reading through all agreements pertaining to the arborvitae trees, it is the Town's right to remove them at any given time. Councilmember Hawver motioned to have all arborvitaes located on Old Naches Highway between the East entrance to Apple Loop and West Town Limits completely removed, stumps and all, before winter. Councilmember Matala seconded. Mayor Davis called for a vote. All signified with "Aye". Motion carries.

12) New Business-

A. Preliminary review of Naches' comprehensive plan periodic update draft and presentation from YVCOG planners.

Keelan Naasz, from YVCOG, presented to Council updates to the comprehensive plan. She went through the handout and answered questions from Council. Councilmember Matala asked for clarity on the "Downtown Revitalization Plan". Administrator Morales shared information on the project location and purpose and reminded council completed the preliminary engineering and design allows the Town to apply for construction funding. Councilmember Williams and Councilmember Hawver asked about housing and stated their concerns in dealing with future requirements. Administrator Morales shared that these housing standards are required by the state to be included in the Town's comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances, but that property owners are not required to make changes unless they desire to do so. Other conversation included clarity of flood plains and flood ways and how they impact the urban growth area.

B. Safe School Route Grant (Addition to Agenda)

Administrator Morales reviewed the handouts provided to Council regarding the Safe Routes to School grant application and required signatures for submission. Administrator Morales discussed the project and the goal of improving pedestrian and bicycle safety on Highway 12, especially for children commuting to school. She went on to say that this plan will complete the preliminary engineering and design for the project and prepare the Town for future construction funding when available. Councilmember Hawver motioned to approve sending a letter with plans, that would allow the Town of Naches to apply for future grants to be used towards Safe School Route project. Councilmember Carrell seconded. Mayor Davis called for a vote. All signified with "Aye." Motion carries.

C. YVCOG Engineer Planning Grant for Allan Rd. (Addition to Agenda)

Administrator Morales asked Council for approval to send a letter to YVCOG formally requesting Surface Transportation Block Funds (STBG) for the preliminary engineering (PE) phase of the Allan Rd project. Administrator reminded Council that this project was previously submitted during YVCOG's 2024 call for projects and is being reconsidered for PE funding by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee. The letter will include information on the project and an updated cost estimate. Councilmember Hawver motioned to approve the request. Councilmember Williams seconded it. Mayor Davis called for a vote. All signified with "Aye." Motion carries.

13) Resolutions and Ordinances-

A. Resolution approving and interagency agreement between the Washington State Department of Commerce (Growth Management Services Division) and the Town of Naches for Funds associated with the GMA periodic update grant for fiscal year 2027.

Mayor Davis asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. He then asked for a motion. Councilmember Hawver moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Sigler seconded the motion. Mayor Davis repeated the motion and asked for Roll Call. Roll was called. Councilmember Matala-Yes, Councilmember Sigler-Yes, Councilmember Hawver-Yes, Councilmember Carrell-Yes, Councilmember Williams-Yes. Motion Carries.

B. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Submit a Preservation Only Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Application to the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for Work Related to S. Naches Road.

Mayor Davis asked if there were any questions or comments. Administrator Morales shared that this is similar to 12C but pertains to a different area of Town. Mayor Davis asked if there were any other questions or comments, there was none. He then asked for a motion. Councilmember Hawver moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a preservation-only Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) application to the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for work related to S. Naches Road. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Davis repeated the motion and asked for Roll Call. Roll was called. Councilmember Matala-Yes, Councilmember Sigler-Yes, Councilmember Hawver-Yes, Councilmember Carrell-Yes, Councilmember Williams-Yes. Motion Carries.

C. Ordinance Amending the 2026 Budget for Miscellaneous Adjustments.

Mayor Davis asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. He then asked for a motion. Councilmember Hawver moved to approve the Ordinance Amending the 2026 Budget for Miscellaneous Adjustments. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Davis repeated the motion and asked for Roll Call. Roll was called. Councilmember Matala-Yes, Councilmember Sigler-Yes, Councilmember Hawver-Yes, Councilmember Carrell-Yes, Councilmember Williams-Yes. Motion Carries.

14) Executive Session – None

15) Closed Session – None

16) Other Business- Councilmember Williams asked for ideas on how to deal with dirt bikes that are not street approved or are being driven by underage drivers. It was decided that laws already exist for these offensives and a Town Ordinance or Resolution cannot oversee state law. Other conversation included calling the Sheriffs to report the incidents, contacting parents, asking for school help and support and printing a note on utility bills.

17) Adjourn Meeting- Mayor Davis requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hawver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Matala

seconded. Mayor Davis called for a vote. All signified with "Aye". Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Bill Davis, Mayor

Kit Hawver, Councilmember

Tiffany Sigler, Councilmember

Andrew Matala, Councilmember

Denny Carrell, Councilmember

Suzi Williams, Councilmember