



NAPPANEE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time & Location:

Monday, March 2, 2026 — 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 W. Lincoln St.

Council Members:*

District 1 — Ben Leavitt • District 2 — Austin Yoder • District 3 — Amy Rosa
District 4 — Dustin Geyer • At-Large — Kelbi Veenstra

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order

- a. Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

a. Present:

- i. **Mayor** Phil Jenkins **City Attorney** Brian Hoffer, **Clerk-Treasurer** Jeff Knight (all in person)
- ii. **Council Members:** Ben Leavitt, Amy Rosa, Dustin Geyer (all in person)
- iii. **Council Members Absent:** Kelbi Veenstra and Austin Yoder
- iv. **Guests:** 5 (4 in person, 1 online)
- v. **Press:** 1 (in person)

3. Approval of the Minutes from February 17, 2026

- a. Mr. Geyer motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Rosa seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote (3-0).

4. Petitions and Comments by Citizens

- a. Mr. Jake Beer who resides at 605 W. Market St. voiced his concerns about the City's interaction with some individuals who have home businesses and what he believes their rights are from a civil liberties perspective. Mayor Jenkins and Mr. Geyer commented that the City is working to reach a good common ground solution with those business owners since they are operating their home business in a residential area that is not zoned for business. Mayor Jenkins mentioned that an appropriate method of resolving the issue is to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals and receive a "special exception". Mr. Beer was thanked for his willingness to come before Council and make his presentation.

5. Reports of Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- a. None.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. None.

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7. New Business

- a. None.

8. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers (APVs)

- a. 2026 City APVs totaling \$499,475.37. Clerk-Treasurer Knight presented the APVs for approval. \$372,240 was for payroll, \$17,563 was for monthly payments to the Boys and Girls Club, FCDC, and the Chamber, and \$10,773 was for special investigation software for the Police Department. Mrs. Rosa motioned to approve payment of the vouchers. Mr. Leavitt seconded. The APVs were approved unanimously by voice vote (3-0).

9. Reports of City Officers

- a. Mayor Jenkins requested to move the regularly scheduled Council meeting from April 6th to March 30th to accommodate those traveling for Spring Break. Mr. Geyer motioned to move the meeting to March 30th. Mr. Leavitt seconded. The meeting was moved to March 30th by unanimous voice vote (3-0).

10. Adjournment

- a. With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Rosa motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Leavitt seconded. Adjournment was agreed by voice vote (3-0), and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.