
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM and everyone joined in the flag salute.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

Michael Foth–phone in	Patrick Dalton, Building Official-absent
Nattalie Cariker	Kevin Bowling, Fire Chief
Barry Freel–phone in	Jeff Koplín, Police Chief
Steve Clark	Ken Mears, Public Works Director
Walt Womack	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines-phone in	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack	

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Gagné told Council that she received a phone call from former Councilmember Lew Goebel. He wanted to be sure that everyone was aware that former Councilwoman Leanne Leifer had passed away in April.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Dave Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the May 6, 2019 meeting; 2019 claims checks numbered 100355-100433, in the amount of \$830,400.52; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tamra Hively – Director of OK-SNIP

Mayor Gagné introduced Tamra Hively, Executive Director of OK-SNIP. She explained to Council that she was made aware that a citation was going to be issued for a resident helping the Community Cats program. A neighbor complained to Code Enforcement Officer Gary Lewis about the cats. Ms. Hively met with Mr. Lewis and discussed the situation and reviewed the Omak Municipal Code Chapter 6.16, Animal Control. The ordinance did not reference Community Cats. She explained that the cats in question were spayed, neutered and vaccinated. She explained to Council about how the Community Cats program worked. She asked that the individuals helping with this program be left alone and that the wooden boxes for food and water stay. The program has been in place for four years. She told Council that she is concerned about the gas chamber the city has. She asked Council to review this process and destroy the chamber as she feels it’s the ethical thing to do. She talked about “Compassion Fatigue” which is a result of watching the constant destruction of animals. Ms. Hively discussed the future of OK-Snip as they are partnering with ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). They are working toward reopening a spay and neuter clinic and would like the support of the City. She also asked if she could be included in any future Task Force or changes to the animal code. Ms. Hively introduced Dorothy Dot Schank who is the founder and Board President of Okanogan Spay and Neuter. She shared with Council that thousands of cats and dogs are in need of services in the Okanogan Valley. Ms. Schank shared details of programs offered by OK-SNIP which include, Spay/Neuter of dogs and cats for low income qualifies residents, Trap-Neuter-Return which is the Community Cat Management, Danny’s Fund: spay/neuter for pit-bull-mix and Mom & Dad’s Last Litter. Member Dave Womack asked about the new location. Ms. Schank said they are looking for a brick and mortar location. They are looking at property and trying to construct a well-designed economical structure in Omak. She understands the City has not been able to help with funding but as individuals she asked they contribute monetarily and circulated pledge forms. Member Dave Womack asked some further questions about the feeding stations for the Community Cats. There was discussion about the feeding stations and other animals. Ms. Hively told Council the city has had Community Cats forever and because of the work OK-SNIP has done, Omak does not see them. Member Cariker suggested the Community Support & Public Safety Community Support Committee meet to further discuss this ordinance. Ms. Hively said she would be thrilled and has a lot of information to share.

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Resolution 38-2019 – Approve Purchase of Diving Board – Pure Water Aquatics

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Dave Womack, to approve Resolution 38-2019. Public Works Director Mears told Council that he would like to replace a diving board at the pool. The closest supplier to Washington State is Pure Water Aquatics in Oregon. The 2019 Budget is \$5,600 and the cost of the diving board with shipping and sales tax is \$6,086 which is over budget. Mr. Mears recommends Council approve the replacement. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 39-2019 – WSDOT Agreement for 2019 Street Striping

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 39-2019. Public Works Director Mears told Council that this is annual maintenance for the street striping. The estimated amount of 2019 is \$9,000 which is under budget. Questions were posed to him about the striping not lasting long. He said it the longevity of the paint depends on WSDOT using an oil based versus a water-based paint. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 40-2019 – Guaranteeing Grant Matching Funds to WSDOT

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 40-2019. Public Works Director Mears told Council that the match money is for the Taxiway and Apron maintenance and repair. This Resolution guarantees a 5% match or \$3,863 from the City of Omak. WSDOT will be contributing an additional 5% for a total estimated project cost of \$77,260. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 41-2019 – Approve Public Works Contract with Great Floors

Member Dave Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 41-2019. Public Works Director Mears told Council that the Clerk tasked his with preparing a Public Works Contract for City Hall carpet and installation. A single bid was received from Great Floors. He contacted them and discussed how the quote could be adjusted to come in under budget. Public Works will help move furniture and a different carpet tile was chosen bringing the estimated cost down to \$23,349.17 which is under budget. He recommends approval of this Resolution. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Request for Fireworks Permit – Oxford House

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Dave Womack, to approve the request for fireworks sales. Chief Bowling told Council that the Oxford House is requesting permission to sell fireworks for the Fourth of July in the Wal-Mart parking lot. He said the request requires Council approval. Member Dave Womack asked Chief Bowling was in favor of this approval, Chief Bowling replied that he was. Member Gaines asked if this was a new vendor and Chief Bowling said that they are. As there was no further discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approve the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Dave Womack told Council that the Community Support and Public Safety Committee met tonight. They discussed the use of the cement slab in Triangle Park for a Pickle Ball Court. A community group will be painting lines and purchasing a portable net that they will set up and take down. Member Dave Womack said this will be no cost to the City and that a Letter of Transmittal will be coming from the Park Board for Council approval.

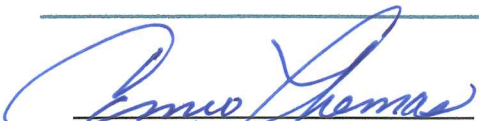
City Administrator McDaniel told Council that the State Auditor is onsite to conduct a Single Audit. The City of Omak spent d over 750,000 in federal awards in 2018 and this is what . An Entrance Interview will be held on Wednesday at 10am. They asked to meet and interview a Councilmember during the day between 8am and 4pm. Administrator McDaniel asked they let him know and he will arrange the day and time.

Member Cariker reminded Council that last week was National Law Enforcement week. She wanted to thank Law Enforcement for everything that they do.

Member Dave Womack asked Police Chief Koplín about the gas chamber and if it's still in use and used to destroy animals. Member Cariker would like to discuss those details during the committee meeting.

Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

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Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor