
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 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:

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagné told Council that a thank you card was received from the Visitor's Information Center for the installation of the new window. Mayor Gagné told Council that Lobbyist Jim Rowland was in attendance to report on this year's session.

Lobbyist Jim Rowland told Council that he emailed the City of Omak a fourteen-page legislative update May 1, 2019. He told Council the legislative session adjourned on April 28, 2019 with an operating budget of 52 billion for the next two years. Mr. Rowland advised that Speaker of the House, Frank Chop resigned and had made that announcement prior to the start of the session. In addition, the session ended with a group of new taxes amounting to an estimated 880 million dollars. As the session began, Mayor Gagné, City Administrator McDaniel and 2019 Stampede Queen Vanessa Pershing came to Olympia on separate occasions. Each of them discussed wildfires in the State of Washington and the importance the City of Omak plays now and in the future. Mr. Rowland said the City of Omak "fire suppression water flow infrastructure project" was funded at \$1.3 million with the support of State Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, Senator Shelly Short, Representatives Jacquelin Maycumber and Joel Kretz. Mr. Rowland told Council that we have three of the most affective Legislators who represent Okanogan County and the victory lap goes to them. He also added that negotiations included State Lands Commissioner Franz wearing the Smokey Bear costume in the Stampede Grand Parade. The Department of Natural Resources will handle the funds for this project. He also reminded Council the City was granted \$309,000 in 2018 for this project. Mr. Rowland also updated Council on the Central Avenue Bridge replacement which was moved forward to 2021. He encouraged the City to conduct a bridge study before that time. The Clean Energy bill passed which requires the State of Washington to be 100% carbon free by the year 2045. The Public Works Trust Fund is intact and will be a venue to borrow money at a low interest rate.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the April 15, 2019; 2019 Washington Federal claims checks numbered 100267-100351, in the amount of \$317,347.88; April 2019 payroll checks numbered 100161-100164 and 100235-100266 and ACH payments in the amount of \$312,552.94; April 2019 manual check number 100160 was voided and ACH payments in the amount of \$2,475.22. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation – Dennis Rabidou – Okanogan Juvenile Corrections

Mayor Gagné introduced Dennis Rabidou, Administrator of the Okanogan County Juvenile System. Mr. Rabidou introduced Judge Rawson, Probation Manager Beaver and the Juvenile Dependency Unit Manager Tara Serles. Mr. Rabidou reminded Council that it had been two to three years since his last presentation. Since then, juvenile cases loads are decreasing and currently there are forty-five kiddos under active supervision. The Community Truancy Programs Board has made a significant impact in the community. The Omak School District had the first truancy board prior to the mandate by legislation. He shared a lot of statistics related to truancy countywide and said bottom line, kids are back in school and it's a great success. Mr. Rabidou said the Juvenile Corrections has an average of ten youth daily, per year in the detention center. Mr.

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Rabidou said the County will be doing projects in regards of youth homelessness. He encouraged Council to give feedback about what those needs are in Omak. Member Foth asked how bad youth homeless was in Omak. Mr. Rabidou said that Omak School District has reported 47 which includes grades 0-12th and those are accompanied and unaccompanied youth. He hopes to obtain better data as a case manager will be tracking youth homeless. There was further discussion about the tracking of youth homeless and the role the Juvenile Department and courts will play in the future. Member Clark shared that North School has been dealing with truancy at the 2nd and 3rd grade levels. Last week was the first week in nineteen years that there was a hundred percent attendance in all grades. Mr. Rabidou thanked Council for their time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

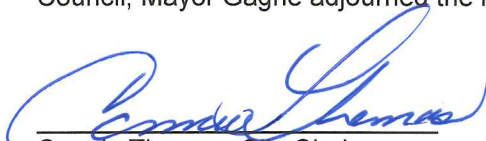
Member Gaines told Council that the Personnel/Finance Committee met and discussed the storm drain that collapsed on Asotin a year ago. Staff would like to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) with the state Department of Commerce. The current Block Grant funds will be used as a match. She explained that the funds in the Block Grant account were collected from a previous Block Grant Program.

Police Chief Jeff Koplín told Council that the Citizen's Police Academy will begin on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6pm and will meet every Tuesday through June 11, 2019. There are thirteen people enrolled this year and he invited anyone to drop in for a session when they could.

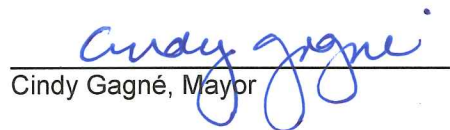
Member Clark commended the Omak Police Department for handling a drug bust in his neighborhood this past weekend. He appreciates the watchful eye. He also announced that the Infrastructure Committee will hold a meeting following tonight's Council meeting.

Member Gaines asked Public Works Director Mears if he received an email from TIB and wondered if any of the Omak projects would be affected. Mr. Mears said he briefly viewed the email and intends on following up.

Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor