
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 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	Patrick Dalton, Building Official
Nattalie Cariker	Kevin Bowling, Fire Chief
Barry Freel	Jeff Koplín, Police Chief
Steve Clark	Ken Mears, Public Works Director
Walt Womack	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack	Kurt Danison, Contract Planner

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the March 18, 2019; 2019 Washington Federal claims checks numbered 100101-100159, in the amount of \$171,633.30; March 2019 payroll checks numbered 21069-21071 and 21071, 21130-21161 and ACH payments in the amount of \$292,563.24. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation – Public Safety Emergency Communications – Mike Worden

Mayor Gagné introduced Mike Worden, Chief of Special Operations/Communications and Sheriff Tony Hawley from the Okanogan County Sheriff's Department. Chief Worden told Council that he had been with the Sheriff's Department for 25 years in various positions and with the Dispatch Center 7 to 8 of those years. He is seeking support from the City of Omak for a ballot measure for a one-tenth sales tax increase. He explained the current issues facing the County and Cities emergency communications environment. Currently there is a Work Committee that has been evaluating the issues and discussing the best solution and the plan implementation. The current infrastructure is at the end of its life and requires replacement. The proposed design is a 4-channel simulcast system which will allow more capacity. The simulcast will allow all agencies to hear all traffic and have direct effective communication. The estimated cost of the Communication Improvement Project is 5 million dollars. To fund this, the County is proposing a ballot measure to increase sales tax. Currently the County has a ceiling of one tenth sales tax increase. Pending legislative approval ESSB 5272 they want to run a ballot measure for a two tenth sales tax increase. Mayor Gagné asked if a certain percentage of the sales tax revenue is required to be designated to the system. Mr. Worden said that there is not a mandate in the statute that requires the money to be designated. He explained that a 100% of all money raised will go into the communications operational cost and infrastructure. With the anticipated revenue, the County will create a replacement fund so, the County can plan for the next fifteen years. In addition, the dispatch bills to the cities will be reduced. Mayor Gagné noted that Lifeline was a private industry and not on the list as a contributor whereas, the cities are paying in and will continue to cost share. She asked what the plan is for private industry who use the communication system. Mr. Worden is looking to have fairness and said that maybe the proposed advisory committee could determine the cost share. Member Gaines said that some entities have their own frequencies and wanted to know if the County would bring them in also. Mr. Worden said he would be willing to. Mayor Gagné explained that she has seen this presentation and he talked about a lot of agencies. She asked if there was a list of agencies that would be paying into the maintenance. Mr. Worden said there are twenty six agencies. He said the door was open to the Colville Tribe but, they have not found a value in investing at this time. Mayor Gagné asked about private versus non-private such as the transportation industries, Okanogan County PUD and the school districts. Member Womack asked if there was a "Sunset Claus" or if the tax increase goes on forever. Mr. Worden said that it will continue. He said the sales tax benefit would reduce the cost to the cities. He said that the County can't continue with old infrastructure and it needs to be replaced. If the sales tax increase is not passed, the cost will increase to cities. He also said the County has an obligation to have an operational system. Member Clark asked if the police and fire will have to upgrade their equipment. Mr. Worden said no, the same portables will be used for the buildout. Member Dave Womack said as a

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councilmember he is looking at the cost benefit to the residence of Omak. How will Omak directly benefit from the total buildout. Mr. Worden said to keep in mind that backup systems are used by Omak when one of the towers goes down. Member Gaines said the citizens will pay one way or the other whether it be the County invoicing the City or the citizens being taxed. Member Dave Womack would like the Community Support and Public Safety committee to meet and discuss this in detail prior to drafting a Resolution of support. Member Dave Womack asked about the timeframe. Mr. Worden said that he would like the support letter prior to the June 8, 2019 County Commissioners meeting.

Meadow Point – Accept the Preliminary Planned Development – Kurt Danison

Contract Planner Kurt Danison explained to Council that a couple weeks ago they were presented with a recommendation from the Omak Planning Commission. Now the development is in front of Council for action. He explained to Council the Planning Commission held the open public hearing and no more testimony will be accepted. If Council has questions, Nancy Nash-Mendez is in attendance to provide answers. Mr. Danison explained to Council that the action tonight is to grant preliminary approval of the planned development. This will give the Housing Authority a punch list based on the list of conditions outlines in the staff report. The conditions must be addressed before they can receive final approval. Member Gaines was under the assumption this development was going to be individual houses and she understands they are apartments now. Mr. Danison said that it's a multi-family development that the Housing Authority will own and manage. She also read in the staff report that the Housing Authority has other sites they operate. Mrs. Nash-Mendez explained that they manage the Pine Meadows Housing in Omak, the Farm Worker Housing located on the flats and the Caribou Trail Apartments in Okanogan. Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker to accept the Meadow Point Preliminary Planned Development. As there was no further questions and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Danison explained that the next step in the process is to publish a Notice of Action and notify those that can appeal the process. He said there will be an annexation coming before Council after the plat alteration has been approved by Okanogan county.

Resolution 32-2019 – Approve Public Works Contract with Overland Fence for Fire Department

Training Facility

Member Dave Womack moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 32-2019. Fire Chief Bowling explained to Council that the 2019 Budget allowed for a security fence around the training facility. He received three bids and Overland Fence & Construction, LLC submitted the lowest bid at \$17,853. As there were no question or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 33-2019 – Approve Supplement No. 2 – Local Agency Agreement (LAG) - WSDOT

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 33-2019. Public Works Director Mears explained to Council that Supplement No. 2 to the LAG for the Engh Road project revises the allocation and obligation of Federal Funding for the right of way phase of the project. Supplement No. 1, approved money for Right of Way consultant, Terry Savage. WSDOT agreed that Mr. Savage's costs are now eligible for reimbursement and Supplement No. 2 reinstates the consultant funds. As there were no question or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 34-2019 – Approve Public Works Contract-Correct Equipment-Eastside Chlorine

System

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 34-2019. Public Works Director Mears said this will replace the chlorine system at the Eastside Well. Correct Equipment will install the chlorination systems with updated equipment and controls. They will also provide onsite training. The quote in the amount of \$9,880 is under the 2019 Budget request. As there were no question or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 35-2019 – Approve Public Works Contract with Speer Taps-Water Valve Replacement

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve Resolution 35-2019. Public Works Director Mears said that this is the second phase of the valve replacement project. The first phase of this project was done in 2018. The Water Department along with Speer Taps will install two valves at the intersections of First and Second Street at Ash Street. The Public Works Department will perform the opening and closing of the locations and Speer Taps will isolate the water and install the valves without disrupting the system. As there were no question or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Request for Fireworks Permit – J&M Liquidations LLC

Fire Chief Bowling explained to Council that J&M Liquidations submitted an application to sell fireworks in the Burger King parking lot in July. Member Foth asked if Chief Bowling had any concerns about the

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application. Chief Bowling said he had no objections and J&M Liquidations are good to work with. Council did not have any objections to the permit.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Clark told Council that the Infrastructure Committee met and discussed a sewer rate request made by the Omak Express Lube. He said that during the winter months, Express Lube closes the carwash bays and they run water to prevent freezing. This running water is reflected in the sewer rates. The consensus of the committee was to not change the rates. The committee also discussed the need for a right-of-way permit. He deferred to Public Works Director Mears. Mr. Mears explained that when citizens replace their water and sewer lines they may be doing work in the city right of way. He will work with the Building Official to make sure contractors are installing the lines correctly and safely. This will also help with liability concerns. The ROW permits that are pulled will then be kept in the parcel file at City Hall. Member Clark told Council that Mr. Mears obtained three quotes for radar signs. The one the committee liked was over budget but, the sign has a reader board that you can program to say, "thank you", "slow down" or another form of an alert. The sign also has the ability to count traffic. The recommendation by committee is to order the more expensive sign. Mr. Mears will bring a Resolution to Council.

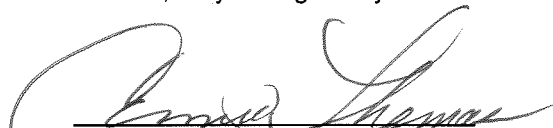
Police Chief Jeff Koplín said the Civil Service completed the Entry Level interviews for the open position. He was given the top three applicants and background investigations are being done and will take approximately thirty days.

Mr. Mears tried to convene a Public Safety committee meeting to discuss several topics but was not successful. He explained to Council that the "Carnival Area" is used by trucking outfits for testing. He is looking to draft a lease for this continued use. He also said that a Camp Host was lined up but opted out. The position is still out for advertisement. He also told Council that Grindline submitted a basic preliminary design and cost sheet. He will send the information out to Council and if the majority agree, he will advise Grindline to moved ahead and acquire more public input and move forward with design.


City Administrator McDaniel told Council the Community Support and Public Safety Committee met tonight and briefly discussed the Alcohol Impact Area. He said there is a lot to talk about and a map of the proposed area will be sent to the group. They anticipate an Ordinance May 6, 2019.

Member Clark suggested the Community Support and Public Safety Committee meet to discuss the letter of support for the Public Safety Emergency Communications Infrastructure. They will meet on April 15, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor