OMAK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES June 17, 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 - absent

Nattalie Cariker

Kevin Bowling, Fire Chief

Barry Freel - phone in

Jeff Koplin, Police Chief - absent

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 last week the Police Department Citizen's Academy wrapped up. She attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Apple Line Intercity Bus Line and a Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the June 3, 2019; claims checks numbered 100525-100594, in the amount of \$425,522.52; May 2019 manual checks for ACH payments in the amount of \$3,341.10; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Gagné opened the public hearing for the 2020-2025 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program at 7:01pm. She asked if staff had a report to present. City Administrator McDaniel said that the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program is required to be updated annually. This document identifies future projects and is required when applying for grant funding. He explained to Council that there were no significant changes. There were no questions or comments from Council or audience. Mayor Gagné closed the Public Hearing at 7:02pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

North Central Regional Library - Barbara Walters, Executive Director

Barbara Walters who is the Executive Director of the North Central Washington Libraries was in attendance to share the North central Regional Library 2019 - 2021 Strategic Plan. She shared the new mission with Council, "Connecting the people of North Central Washington to vital resources and opportunities that foster individual growth and strengthen communities". She then introduced Michelle McNeil, Communications Manager and Sharon Reddick, Omak Librarian & Manager. Mrs. Walters shared the visions, and some of the objectives outlines in the 2019 - 2021 Strategic Plan. She also told Council that the State of Washington has set aside money in their budget for libraries. Libraries can then partner with municipalities to fund projects. She said one of the goals is to help serve the Spanish-speaking population. The library is now hiring for a bilingual staff member. She shared with Council some of the amenities the library has. The Omak Library offered a Citizenship Preparation Class which was heavily attended. They provide computers, Wi-Fi, Hoopla, charging stations and of course the Summer Reading Program. Ms. Walters said the key to a successful library is the connection with the elected officials. Member Womack asked if the library tracks the use of book materials versus internet materials. Ms. Walters said they do and, the number of books being checked out has evened out. The digital collection increases over 100% annually. She added that participation in library programs has increased. Mayor Gagné asked what kind of programs were offered. Ms. Walters reiterated that they offered the class "How to become a US Citizen" and ninety tow people showed up. Book authors are brought in to talk about their work and recently they had a poet come in. The Children's Summer Program is in full swing.

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Member Gaines asked what Hoopla is. Ms. Walters explained that Hoopla is a digital media service provided by libraries. You can download movies, audiobooks and more using your library card. Mayor Gagné asked how the book sale went this past weekend. Mrs. Reddick said it was a success. She did mention that without Art in the Park, attendance was down. Ms. Walters thanked Council for their time.

Resolution 45-2019 – Approve the 2020-2025 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve Resolution 45-2019. As there were no additional comments and or questions, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 46-2019 – Approve Agreement with the Colville Diabetes Program for City Pool Use

Member Dave Womack moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 46-2019. Public Works Director explained to Council that the City received Transportation Improvement Board funds for the Chip Seal Project. Once again, Okanogan County Public Works has agreed to chip seal the City's residential areas between Omak Avenue and west of Highway 97. Mr. Mears said that currently, City Public Works is pre-leveling the areas to ensure we have good drainage. Mr. Mears said that he will be making another application to TIB for chip sealing in 2020. As there was no discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 47-2019 – Approving Agreement with the Colville Diabetes Program for City Pool Use

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 47-2019. City Administrator McDaniel told Council that Lisa True with the Colville Confederated Tribes Diabetes Program inquired about getting her members access to the pool. The Community Support and Public Safety Committee met and recommended a flat fee of \$1,000 for the 2019 season. Administrator McDaniel told Council that last year the Diabetes Program paid the City \$1,050 and based on attendance, they used less and donated the remainder to the City for water aerobics equipment. As there was no discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

City Administrator told Council that Chief Koplin is on vacation but, wanted Council to know that he has completed his Chief Interviews and has made his selection. Chief Koplin intends on giving a conditional offer of employment to the applicant with a hire date in September. He will then go to the Police Academy in October.

Administrator McDaniel told Council that the Omak Chamber has made a request to close Main Street from Central to Apple on Saturday, July 27th from 8am to 3pm. He asked if Council had any concerns with the closure. As there were no concerns, staff will proceed with the street closure application process. was no discussion or comments from the audience. Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Councilmember Foth thanked Omak Public Works for the mosquito control this year. He has only seen two.

Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.

Connie Thomas, City Clerk

Cindy Gagné, Mayor