
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 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	Tyler Wells, Building Official - absent
Nattalie Cariker	Kevin Bowling, Fire Chief
Barry Freel	Jeff Koplín, Police Chief
Steve Clark	Wayne Beetchenow, Assistant Public Works Director
Walt Womack	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack	

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Jim Mastey – 431 Jasmine

Mr. Mastey expressed his concern about the traffic on Jasmine Street over the past years. He told Council about several accidents that impacted his property. He gave kudos to the Omak Police Department and would like to see them catching crooks versus speeders. He said that school buses, and other transportation buses also speed down the road. Jasmine is used heavily by walkers and bikers and he would like to see a solar flashing sign. He is hoping Council will help. Member Clark said that the 2020 budget includes the purchase of several solar speed signs and one of those signs will be placed on Jasmine Street. Mr. Mastey suggested it be placed west toward the hospital as it's a straight shot and it would be visible.

Kathy Johnson – 401 Jasmine

Mrs. Johnson told Council that her home is located on the corner of Fourth and Jasmine. She has lived in the home for nineteen years. She has had a car come through her fence and come inches from hitting her home. She and her husband love to sit on their deck and watch the kids and passerby's. Over the nineteen years, she recognizes the same faces that walk and bike the street. She would hate to see anything happen to someone. She encouraged Council to help with her concerns. Member Foth told Mr. Mastey and the Johnson's that he works for TRANGO. If any of them see a bus going too fast, contact him immediately and he will address the situation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Dave Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the November 18, 2019; claims checks numbered 101533-101593, in the amount of \$501,327.84; November 2019 payroll check numbers 101437-101439 and 101500-101532, with 101514 and 101515 being voided and various ACH in the amount of \$292,869.22; November 2019 manual checks numbered 101435, 101436 and 10440 in the amount of \$693.45; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1885 – 2ND Read – Corrected Substitute - Final 2020 Budget

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve the Corrected Substitute Ordinance 1885. City Administrator McDaniel explained that City Clerk Thomas reviewed the budget document and found two items that affected the budget summary presented at the November 18th meeting. The City of Omak did not receive an award from TIB for the chip seal project so that item was removed from the Street Fund revenue and expenditure. She also found in the Water Fund, the Dewberry Loop project was in twice and is corrected. He told Council this was still a great budget and there is another full month of expected revenue. The sales tax revenue is lower than budgeted in 2019 but, other revenues have been coming in higher. The 2020 Budget will provide direction and maintain a high level of service for our citizens. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1886 – Non-Union Salary Schedule – Fiscal Year 2020

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Ordinance 1886. City Administrator McDaniel researched the salary survey through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). He compared the 2019 average high salaries of cities with a population 2,500-7,500 statewide. This provides a larger data source. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculates to 2.05% and based on his research, he is proposing a 3% increase. This data was brought to the Finance Committee and they agreed. Administrator McDaniel said the exception is the seasonal pool employees. Because of the state minimum wage increase, he used a \$1.5 delta for the pool manager, lifeguards and water safety instructors. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 79-2019 – Approve Sole Source Firefighting Equipment

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Foth to approve Resolution 79-2019. Fire Chief Bowling explained to Council that within the 2020 Budget document there is an expenditure to purchase five sets of turnout gear. The current gear is manufactured by Globe Manufacturing Company, LLC and it would benefit the department to maintain uniformity of the gear. LN Curtis & Sons is the sole source distributor of Globe Products. He would like to make the purchase to receive the 2019 pricing. Administrator McDaniel clarified to Council that the purchase would be made in 2019 but the City would not receive the product or be invoiced until 2020. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 80-2019 – Approve 2020 Fuel Bid

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Resolution 80-2019. Administrator McDaniel told Council that he went out to bid for the 2020 Fuel Bid and he reached out to the two local suppliers. The City received two bids which were opened on November 22, 2019. He explained to Council how the rack price calculates to the total price. He said that an addition error was found which came in at .18¢ under what Coleman Oil could purchase it for. As a result, Coleman Oil withdrew their bid. Whitley Fuel has been determined to be the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. He said the markup is comparable to what the City paid last year. As there were no comments or questions, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 81-2019 – Approve Amendment No. 8 – Gray & Osborne – Asotin Street Stormwater Imprv.

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines to approve Resolution 81-2019. City Administrator explained to Council that this amends the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc. This scope of work is for the Storm Drain project funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The project will include design, construction and administrative services. As there were no comments or questions, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 82-2019 – Approve Right of Way Easement to PUD No. 1 of Okanogan County

Member Clark Womack moved, seconded by Member Freel to approve Resolution 82-2019. City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that staff has been working with the Okanogan County Public Utilities District (PUD) to get power and fiber to the planned development at the Omak Airport. The existing operations also require fiber communications and power supply. The PUD requires an easement to install and maintain the infrastructure to support the services. The connection is at Bide-A-Wee Road running north along Robinson Canyon. They will also install conduit to a junction box across from the new DNR well site. This project will save 1,400 in anticipated in trenching cost for the DNR project. Member Freel called attention to the Resolution which read Ross Canyon and it should be Robinson Canyon. Staff will make an administrative correction to the clerical error. As there were no further comments or questions, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Councilmember Clark told Council that he attended a SWAC meeting this evening. He learned that the County is working on a contract with a company out of Seattle to come to the area on Saturdays and collect latex paint cans. The State of Washington is putting a surcharge on latex paint to fund this project. There will be no expense to Okanogan County.

Police Chief Koplin said that it's nice to see guests show up to Council and express concerns about the speeding problems on Jasmine Street. He agrees with them one hundred percent and it confirms to him that

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the City is heading in the right direction with the solar radar signs. He said when a patrol car is parked on that street, they see a different response (cars slow down). Chief Koplín told Council that he viewed reports from the radar sign they had near the East Omak School. He was surprised with how many vehicles obeyed the speed limit with just having the radar sign at that location. Member Dave Womack commented that the flashing radar signs are new, and they catch attention but, in the future, drivers may not be so observant. He recommended they be moved from time to time.

Assistant Public Works Director, Wayne Beetchenow told Council that the City received notification from the Transportation Improvement Board that the City will receive funding for the sidewalk project from Fifth Street to Highway 97. This is about a \$250,000 project. The sidewalk will tie into the new improvements near the Community Center. The revenue and expenditure are in the 2020 Budget.

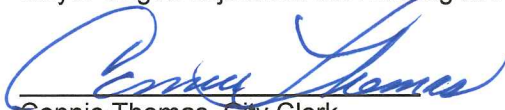
City Administrator McDaniel advised Council that the Library is having problems with the HVAC System. They are currently running on auxiliary heat. Public Works Crewmember, Ron Stevens is working the problem. Administrator will keep the Council apprised as he may need to prepare an emergency appropriating ordinance for funding. Member Dave Womack asked why the Library could not run on the auxiliary heat. Administrator McDaniel is concerned the library may hit the power demand charge and the City would have to pay a higher PUD bill for twelve months.

Member Foth asked Chief Koplín about how to handle a vehicle that has been sitting in the school parking area on Jasmine Street for a while. Chief Koplín said to contact the school. It's their property and they have the authority to tow the vehicle.

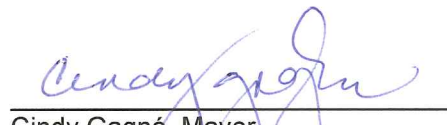
Member Clark publicly thanked Chief Koplín for researching options to provide public training with the adoption of Initiative 639. One thing this law does is require a person show proof that they have taken a firearms-training course. Chief Koplín is working with North 40 to determine if they can make this service available to citizens.

Member Gaines shared that she saw where the Washington State Department of Transportation is charging cities and towns for deicing and sanding of state highways. Neither Administrator McDaniel nor APWD Beetchenow were aware of this charge. Mr. Beetchenow will reach out to WSDOT.

Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor