
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2020**

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
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	

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gagné administered the oath of office to reelected Council Members Steve Clark, Barry Freel, Dave Womack and Walt Womack. All were sworn in and took their place at their council seat.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting; 2019 claims checks numbered 101775-101831, in the amount of \$226,344.49; 2019 manual checks numbered 101595, 101598, 101602 and 101603 in the amount of \$1,817.22; and December 2019 payroll checks numbered 101594, 101599-101601 and 101662-101693 and ACH payments in the amount of \$295,854.50; 2020 claims checks numbered 101832-101853 in the amount of \$90,415.02; Check numbers 101696-101752 and 101753-101774 were voided. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 01-2020 - Approve Grant Agreement with WA State TIB – 5th Ave, Benton, US97

Sidewalk

Member Cariker, moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve Resolution 01-2020. Public Works Director Mears told Council that the City was awarded a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board for a new five-foot sidewalk with curb and gutter. This project will complete the gap between the existing pedestrian path and the Omak Community Center. As there was no discussion and no comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 02-2020 – Approve Agreement with AWC for Workers' Compensation Safety Alliance

Program

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 02-2020. City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that the City has been a member of the Association of Washington Cities Retro Program. The program provides the City administrative support with Labor and Industry Claims. Because of the higher three-year claim averages, the City of Omak is no longer eligible to participate in the pool until our claim costs decrease. He explained to Council that AWC will provide the same service through the Safety Alliance Program without the reward. He also told Council that he, Clerk Thomas and Deputy Clerk Scott discussed with AWC Retro each claim the City had and talked about the benefits of the Return to Work Program and light duty. There was discussion about the need to use the Retro Program and what benefit it has to the City based on the cost we pay. Administrator McDaniel said he would do some more research into the Retro Program as to the benefits they provide the City compared to working directly with the Department of Labor and Industries. As there were no further question or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 03-2020 – Vacating Jonathan Right-of-Way – Housing Authority of Okanogan County

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 03-2020. City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that this Resolution initiates the vacation process and sets a Public Hearing for the February 18, 2020 Council meeting. This vacation is for 30' of unimproved right-of-way that runs along the north property line of Mangat Properties. He explained that the 60' of right of way that replaces this

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vacation will be provided by the Housing Authority upon completion of their planned development. If the Housing Authority is unable to move forward with the project, any future developer will have to give the city 60' of right-of-way. He told Council that the Annexation for this parcel will be an agenda item for the January 21, 2020 meeting. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 04-2020 – Approve Agreement with OK CDL Driving School – Eastside Park Use

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 04-2020. City Administrator McDaniel reminded Council that staff was tasked with working out an agreement with OK CDL Driving School for the use of Eastside Park. He explained that the City had a verbal agreement with Nordang Trucking and then OK CDL Driving School for several years. The Omak Park Board and Council Community Support and Public Safety Committee requested the city enter into a formal agreement. This will limit the City's liability and fairly compensate for the use of the park. The agreement gives the Public Works Director the authority to set the where and when the training takes place. This is to ensure public safety in the parks. Member Dave Womack asked if a single spot could be designated closer to Highway 97. He stated there is a lot of foot traffic near the carnival area. Public Works Director Mears said he would work on that. As there were no further question or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Building Official Wells said the year started with a bang. He has been busy working on the annexation and vacation of right-of-way process for the Housing Authority project. He has also issued three to four building permit applications in January.

Fire Chief Bowling told Council that there was a house fire with a fatality that happened in the city limits. He was asked about the status of a Fire Chief for the City of Okanogan. He said that he didn't know where they were at in the hiring process.

Police Chief Koplín said that Dustin Silverthorn will be graduating from the Police Academy on January 15th. They are looking forward to getting him on the streets.

City Administrator McDaniel told Council that staff is winding down 2019 and the revenues and expenditures are coming in as he expected.

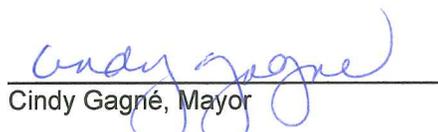
Member Cariker asked Police Chief Koplín if he is going to fill the vacant police officer position. Chief Koplín said that he will be looking to fill the position in 2020.

Member Clark told Council that the process of filing of the F-1 Personal Financial Affairs Disclosure with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has changed. The filing can only be done online as of January 1, 2020 and the application requires more personal information. He just wanted Council to be aware of the changes and recommended filing early.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor