
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 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 – Phone-in	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 read RCW 35A.12.065, Pro tempore appointments. The RCW provides direction on when and how a mayor pro tempore is designated. The mayor pro tempore services in the absence of the mayor. Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Clark to designate Member Mike Foth. Member Foth accepted the appointment. Going forward, a mayor pro tempore will be designated biennially at the first meeting of a new council. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Dave Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the February 3, 2020 meeting; claims checks numbered 102193-102253, in the amount of \$195236.49 and voided checks 102132-102192; January 2019 manual checks numbered 101854, 101860, 101855-101856 and electronic payments, in the amount of \$1,692.66. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Vacation of Jonathan Avenue Street Right-of-Way

Mayor Gagné opened the public hearing for the Jonathan Avenue Vacation of Street Right-of-Way at 7:02pm. Mayor Gagné read the hearing disclaimer and there were no Council members who chose to excuse themselves or had any interest or gain in this property. The audience members did not have any objections. Mayor Gagné said the purpose of the hearing is for the City Council to hear and consider the pertinent facts relating to the vacation of the subject right-of-way, and to approve, deny, or approve with conditions. Mayor Gagné introduced Building Official Tyler Wells to present the pertinent facts on the petition. Building Official Wells read the background and findings of facts from his staff report. The recommendation from staff is that city council approve the vacation ordinance. Mayor Gagné opened the floor for comments from the audience.

Mike Paul – 614 Oak Street – Mr. Fall asked if any of the trailers located at 614 Oak Street were going to be moved. Building Official Wells explained that the reason for the 30 feet vacation is to eliminate the need to move any trailers from the city right-of-way.

Richard Lange – 731 E Jonathan Avenue – Mr. Lange wanted to know about the future usability of Jonathan Avenue and expressed concern about the city developing a section of Jonathan. He also shared his concerns about the increased congestion onto Riverside Drive. Building Official Wells explained that the city is not paying for the upgrades to Jonathan. He said the Housing Authority will be paying for the entire development. Jonathan Avenue will not go through to Quince unless future development takes place. As there were no questions from council, staff or audience members, Mayor Gagné closed the public hearing at 7:16pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jennifer Hoffpauir – Lego Robotics Presentation

Mayor Gagné introduced Jennifer Hoffpauir. Mrs. Hoffpauir thanked council and then introduced Jessie and Shelby Read to give their presentation. They began by telling Council that they moved to the Omak area from Baker City Oregon. They attend the Omak Seventh Day Adventist School and one of their projects was

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City Shapers. They were tasked to identify a problem with a public space. The problem is that the parks do not offer a lot to children of their ages unless they participate in sports. They also see that the park does not have ADA accessible equipment. They met with the City Contract Planner, Kurt Danison and learned the City is pursuing a new skate park. They were thankful for that. Their focus was the playground area by the city swimming pool. They suggested updated equipment that was ADA accessible and shared a photo of a structure from Game Time costing \$21,000. This piece of equipment is for children ages 13 and up and ten children can use it at one time. They also suggested a barrier between Omak Avenue and the equipment to limit liability. To acquire the equipment they proposed seeking grants, conducting fundraisers, approaching service clubs and volunteers. City Administrator McDaniel asked if they would be willing to share their presentation with the city. Mayor Gagné asked if they would build something robotic and bring it in to present.

Ordinance 1888 – Vacating Right-of-Way – Jonathan Avenue East Abutting 614 Oak Street

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Ordinance 1888. Mayor Gagné told Council that this subject is open for discussion, decision with finding of fact and conclusions by the City Council. If Council agrees with the staff report, they may adopt (or adopt with modifications) its findings and conclusions as a basis for the action or, state your own findings and conclusions. Administrator McDaniel wanted to ensure the staff report is entered into the record. Clerk Thomas said that the staff report is Exhibit "B" of Ordinance 1888. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 14-2020 – Approve Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement-Sourcewell

Member Dave Womack moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 14-2020. Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that this is an interlocal agreement with Sourcewell which is a cooperative established by the state of Minnesota. This interlocal program will allow the city to piggyback on their purchasing process and procure goods at the best available pricing. The Interlocal Agreement will be published on the City website per RCW 39.34.040. Member Dave Womack told Council that the Infrastructure Committee met and discussed the agreement. As there were no question or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 15-2020 – Approve Purchase of Sewer Vac Truck

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 15-2020. Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that the Sewer Vac Truck is scheduled for replacement. This is a large purchase and staff has spent a lot of time vetting the truck. He told Council that the Infrastructure Committee met twice about the purchase. He has also discussed the purchase with City Attorney Howe and Municipal Research Service Center (MRSC). Last year, Public Works had the opportunity to demo three trucks here in Omak to ensure they are getting what will work best. Administrator McDaniel said the purchase will be done by piggybacking on Sourcewell. As there were no question or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 16-2020 – Approve the Stampede Memorandum of Understanding (MOA)

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve Resolution 16-2020. Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that this is the agreement for the Stampede event which includes all parties involved. The only changes from the last MOA were to better identify each party's independent role in securing sponsorships and vendor agreements. Additional signature lines were included for the Owners and Jockeys and the Indian Encampment. Member Gaines expressed her concerns about several items in the agreement. She pointed out the agreement requires the city to notify all parties in writing about public hearings reference to the East Side Park. She feels the onerous is on the city and is concerned about how the city will enforce the agreement when we are not a part of the event. She is also concerned about the liability to the city if the event doesn't go according to the agreement. She understands the agreement is time sensitive but wanted to share her concerns. The agreement has not changed much since its inception, but a lot has changed in regards to liability. Administrator McDaniel will discuss her concerns with Attorney Howe. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Building Official Wells told Council that there is a lot going on. Applications continue to come in and a Public Hearing in front of the Hearing Examiner is scheduled for tomorrow at 2pm. This is for a zoning variance at 118 N Douglas.

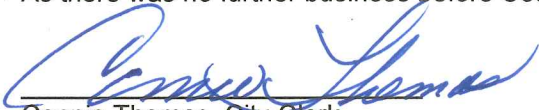
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Public Works Director Mears told Council that he met with the Infrastructure Committee to discuss the installation of a streetlight at Third and Douglas. Based on the area, the committee agreed with the need to install a light. He also thanked Council for approving the purchase of the Sewer Vac Truck. Mr. Beetchenow and members of the crew spent a lot of time researching the purchase. It will be a good tool for Public Works. Member Clark reminded Mr. Mears that Jim Mastey asked for a solar speed limit sign on Jasmine Street. Mr. Mears has been in contact with Mr. Mastey and is reviewing quotes prior to initiating the purchase. There was discussion about solar signs versus electrical. Mr. Mears will bring the cost of both options to council.

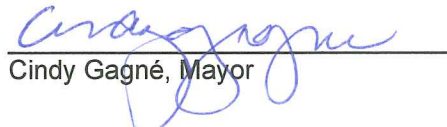
Member Cariker asked if Public Works Director Mears could arrange for a plumber to address the bathroom drainage issues at the Omak Library. He said that he would take care of it. He did update the Council about the heating and cooling system issues they have been struggling with. They found it was a bad coil and a short in the thermostat wiring which has been replaced.

Member Gaines asked Public Works Director about the early retirement he referred to in his staff report. Mr. Mears said that Mr. Truitt took an early retirement and the city is out to add to fill a vacant position. The job posting is on the city website.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor