
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné called the Zoom meeting for the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM. Rather than the flag salute, she asked that everyone in attendance take a moment of silence.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

Michael Foth	Tyler Wells, Building Official
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:

Mayor Gagné asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to address City Council and, Federico Pacheco said that he would. Mayor Gagné explained that he would be heard at the end of the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gagné said that she attended a couple of meetings this week at City Hall. She also participated in the free drive thru COVID-19 testing held at Lifeline Ambulance. She participated in support of the Okanogan County Health District. She said it was a smooth process and she is negative for COVID-19.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the August 3, 2020; claims checks numbered 103177-103209 and 103259-103279, in the amount of \$443,499.29. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 53-2020 – Approve Change Order No. 2 – Selland Construction – Airport Water Project

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 53-2020. Assistant Public Works Director, Wayne Beetchenow told Council that this change order is for the airport water project. Utilities that were not in the plans were found during the installation of the water main line. This caused work to stop until utilities were verified. This was discussed by the Infrastructure Committee. Member Gaines asked what type of utilities they were and who was responsible for the locate. City Administrator McDaniel explained that it was the City's responsibility for the locate. They found phone and electrical lines and they determined they were to the old fire base and the lines were abandoned. It did delay the project. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 54-2020 – Approve Contract with 24/7 Property Maintenance, LLC – Seal Coat/Crack

Seal

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 54-2020. Assistant Public Works Director, Wayne Beetchenow told Council that the contract was for seal coating and crack seal of the City Hall, Police and Fire Department parking lots. The funding for this project is in the repairs and maintenance lines of the 2020 Budget. Member Dave Womack asked if there were any other quotes received. APWD Beetchenow stated that 24/7 Property Maintenance, LLC was the only company he knew of in the area so, no. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 55-2020 – Approve Contract with Dieter Concrete, LLC – Sewer Plant Sidewalk Replacement

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Freel, to approve Resolution 55-2020. Assistant Public Works Director, Wayne Beetchenow told Council that this contract is to remove and replace the sidewalk around the clarifier at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Two additional quotes received for this project and Dieter

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Concrete, LLC provided the lowest quote in the amount of \$18,000. This project is fully funded in the 2020 Budget. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Freel told Council that he attended the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) meeting last Monday. He said a representative from the US Census Bureau provided an update. They did not have the best turnout after the last mailer went out. They are going to send another mailer to try and generate more response as sending Census Takers to the door would be expensive.

Building Official Wells told Council that he has a meeting scheduled with a developer.

Fire Chief Bowling told Council that on August 3, 2020, the Okanogan County Fire Chief resigned his position. Chief Bowling has been asked to fill in as interim and he agreed to do so for a short time.

Police Chief Koplín told Council that he is moving forward in the Entry Level hiring process. He has scheduled polygraph and psychological assessments and physical fitness exams for both applicants. He also explained that both applicants have been accepted into the Basic Law Enforcement Academy which begins on September 23, 2020.

Assistant Public Works Director Beetchenow told Council that an alternative plan was made regarding the water inserta valves for the water/sewer project. Instead of one valve, they will be installing three valves.

City Clerk Thomas told Council that she has mailed out to them the 2021 Budget Calendar. She explained that the "Call to Budget" will be going out to Department Heads within the next couple of days which is well ahead of the statutory deadline.

City Administrator McDaniel told Council that he will be scheduling an Infrastructure Committee meeting to discuss changes to the Jasmine Street Project, Water/Sewer Project and the Airport Well Project.

Citizen Comments:

Citizen Federico Pacheco of 610 Bramble was in attendance. He expressed concerns about the "No Parking" signage that was installed by the City on Bramble today. He said there was no notice given to homeowners prior to the signs going in. He has lived in his home since it was built in 1997. He has a six-bedroom home and nine children that live with him all of which have cars. He is wanting to know where his family will park now.

Ms. Pacheco of 610 Bramble was in attendance. Ms. Pacheco said she was the daughter of Federico Pacheco. She used to live in the home at 610 Bramble and wanted to attend the meeting on behalf of her family. She lived in the home for twenty-seven years and there has never been a problem with parking. She is concerned about visiting the home because there will no place to park.

Miguel Mejia of 802 Wildwood was in attendance. He also expressed concerns about the "No Parking" signage. His concern is that those who can't park on Bramble now will be parking on Wildwood. This will leave no parking for family and friends that come for celebrations. He also mentioned that he has made requests to the City for "Kids at Play" signage because of the high speeds in the area. He didn't expect the "No Parking" signs.


City Administrator McDaniel explained that the City of Omak received parking complaints. When reviewing the Omak Municipal Code, he found that in 2010 and Ordinance was adopted that strictly prohibited parking on Bramble Avenue and signage was to be installed. He took this concern to Council Committee to discuss how staff should proceed. They advised that the proper signage should be installed and then no parking should be enforced. He said that he was not involved in the discussions in 2010 but, he researched the Development Plans. He concluded that the 2010 Ordinance was probably written because of the narrow street (32 foot minimum). He said there are very few streets in Omak that are narrow but, those that are have no parking on them.

Member Dave Womack asked if they could be allowed to park on one side of the street? He recommends this discussion go back to Council Committee so they can discuss alternative options. Mayor Gagné clarified that Council Committee will meet and she asked that Fire Chief Bowling and Public Works Director Mears be in attendance. She thanked those who attended tonight and said there was a lot of good information and City Staff will look at the decisions that Council has made. Committee should have answers by the next meeting, September 8, 2020.

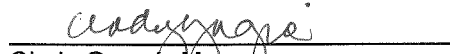
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Police Chief Koplin assured Mr. Pacheco that while committee is reviewing this ordinance, no parking tickets will be issued. City Administrator McDaniel said he supports Chief Koplin.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the Zoom meeting at 7:28 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor