
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné called the Zoom meeting for the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

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	

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Gagné recognized Federico Pacheco who asked to speak to Council. Mayor Gagné explained that she would place him at the end of the council business.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gagné told Council that she received a thank you letter from the Grand Columbia Council – Boy Scouts of America. She reminded Council that she proclaimed July 29, 2020 “Scout Me in Day”. The scouts worked to raise \$102,600 in July and August to support Scouting in our region.

She also received a letter and song from a gentleman from Vancouver, B.C. His letter explained the similarities between his province and the State of Washington. She will leave the letter with City Clerk Thomas and then it will be forwarded to the Visitor Information Center.

Mayor Gagné told Council that she had the opportunity to meet with the Public Works crew about ongoing projects and she planned a follow up meeting this week. She also shared that her and Administrator McDaniel were guests of the Colville Confederated Tribe who led a tour of the burn scar. They visited a ranch and the old mill site. They also had the opportunity to meet with Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Dave Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting; claims checks numbered 103402-103441, in the amount of \$411,118.54; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1893 – 2ND Read – Interfund Loan from Current Expense to Street Fund

Member Dave Womack moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Ordinance 1893. Mayor Gagné asked if City Administrator McDaniel had anything further to add about this Ordinance. Administrator McDaniel explained that it was simply a \$250,000 Interfund loan from Current Expense to the Street Fund to be returned before the end of the fiscal year. As there were no questions and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 61-2020 – Approve Contract Amendment with J-U-B Engineering for Airport Water Improvements

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Dave Womack, to approve Resolution 61-2020. Administrator McDaniel explained that this is an amendment to the design and construction contract with J-U-B for the Airport Water Improvement Project. During the design phase, the Department of Natural Resources was still looking at building their facility and future development of a water reservoir. The additional services were not included in the original design costs to J-U-B. Infrastructure Committee met to discuss the additional services and asked City Administrator McDaniel to negotiate a fair price with J-U-B. This amendment increases

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the contract by \$25,563.18. As there were no questions and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Gagné asked to hear from Frederico Pacheco. Mr. Pacheco asked about the status of the No Parking signage in the Wildwood area. He also explained to Council that he drove around to other areas of the city that had similar street widths and cul-de-sacs and he didn't see any No Parking signs in those areas. Mayor Gagné explained that the Community Support/Public Safety Committee met and asked Member Cariker to report. Member Cariker told Mr. Pacheco that the committee recommends removing the No Parking signs on one side of the street. The side with fire hydrants will remain "No Parking" zone. Administrator McDaniel wanted to clarify his direction from the Committee. His understanding was that one side of the street will be allowed parking and the other side with hydrants will remain a No Parking zone. There will also be No Parking allowed in the cul-de-sac. Committee also tasked him with looking at other streets in the city that are narrow that should be defined in the Omak Municipal Code as No Parking. Mayor Gagné further clarified that until the Governing Body makes a final decision, there will be no enforcement of the No Parking Zones in the Wildwood area. Mr. Pacheco also requested signage to slow drivers "Slow Kids at Play". Mayor Gagné appreciated the information and thanked him for coming forward about the parking issues. Citizen Miguel Mejia who was also in attendance, thanked Mayor Gagné for the clarification and thanked Council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Public Works Director Mears told Council that the Airport water system has passed the Department of Health requirements.

City Administrator McDaniel told Council that the fire camp located in the Eastside Park left yesterday. A land use agreement for the emergency incident was prepared. Because three agencies were involved, they asked for a flat day rate. The day rate was calculated at \$800/day and estimated about \$11,000 in revenue. He also talked with Maria Lassila and let her know she could restart her drive-in movie nights. Administrator McDaniel also told Council that Washington Department of Commerce reached out to him regarding our CARES Act paperwork. Council approved the Resolution in June since that time, the grant amount has increased from \$148,200 to \$222,300 and the time to remit was extended to November 30th. The amendment will need the Mayor's signature. He explained because of the amount of grant applications Commerce was receiving, ours was lost. Clerk Thomas does a great job at keeping track of paperwork so, we had our originals on file for them.

Member Clark thanked the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works for the extra time and efforts during the fires. They did an awesome job again.

Member Dave Womack asked if there was going to be a fog line painted on Jasmine Street or No Parking signage. Public Works Director Mears said there is not a fog line in the project schematics or signage. Jasmine Street which is now like Granite Street, and other narrow streets don't have fog lines or signage. Mr. Mears said that he will reach out to Gray & Osborne, Engineering and address the situation. Member Foth commented that delivery trucks to stop on that street which cause a major problem with the narrowed street.

Member Clark asked about the speed-reading sign that was slated for Jasmine Street. Public Works Director Mears said the crew received the shipment and have installed the flashing stop signs at the intersection of Ash and Central. The crew was then scheduled to the Eastside Park to clean up as fire crews were leaving. He said the speed signage will be installed this week.

Member Gaines asked if the City of Omak received masks during the fire and if they were distributed. Clerk Thomas said the City did received two cases of masks and her staff spent a lot of time meeting people outside City Hall to distributed them. Member Gaines acknowledged Omak School Superintendent Michael Porter. She asked if he was going to share information. Mr. Porter said he was just listening in but updated Council. He explained that schools in the valley have brought back highest risk students and they are trying to come up with a plan for base line COVID testing. They are trying to bring back students in phases and verifying

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safety protocols with small groups. He said the COVID numbers have plummeted and they are trying to reopen in a safe manner. Mayor Gagné exclaimed that it very exciting news?

Fire Chief Bowling said there was another fire on the old mill site which was a rekindle. He reported that the fire didn't go anywhere.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the Zoom meeting at 7:24PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor