
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM and established a quorum.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

Michael Foth	Tyler Wells, Building Official
Nattalie Cariker	Kevin Bowling, Fire Chief
Barry Freel	Darren Duncan, Interim Police Chief
Steve Clark	Ken Mears, Public Works Director
Walt Womack	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines-absent	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack	

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gagné told Council that Sharon Reddick, Omak Library Area Manager will be leaving at the end of the month. The Omak Library is taking cards on her behalf.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the January 4, 2021 meeting; 2020 claims checks numbered 104105-104141 (voided checks 104117, 104140), in the amount of \$220,060.95; 2021 claims checks numbered 104142-104164, in the amount of \$29,734.28; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cathy Covington – Healthy Checkout Presentation

In attendance via Zoom was Cathy Covington. She told Council that she was an online student working toward her Master's in Public Health. She told Council that the hospital commissioner had a concern about unhealthy foods at the checkout stands so, she is proposing a new Healthy Checkout Ordinance. She shared a Power Point presentation supporting her request. She then thanked Council for their time. Mayor Gagné asked if there were any questions. Member Womack asked about the study of fast foods and child obesity. Ms. Covington said fast food is also related to child obesity and a policy can be drafted to address that also. Member Womack asked what Cities have this type of Ordinance. Ms. Covington said the City of Berkley, California and, they completely banned junk food but, she is proposing a softer approach for the City of Omak. As there were no further questions, the Mayor thanked Ms. Covington.

Resolution 01-2021 – Approve Interlocal Agreement with Okanogan County – Building Official Services

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark to approve Resolution 01-2021. Building Official Wells explained to Council that this interlocal agreement is used by Okanogan County with all municipalities. Okanogan County can cover building inspection and plan review services during out of town training, personal leave and, unforeseen circumstances. This agreement is renewed annually and has been reviewed and approved by City Attorney, Mick Howe. As there were no questions and no comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 02-2021 – Approve Purchase of Ford Explorer – Public Works – State Purchasing Co-

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Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Resolution 02-2021. Public Works Director Mears told Council that the Ford Explorer will be replacing fleet truck Number 270 which he currently operates. The purpose of purchasing a Ford Explorer is that can be used throughout the City by staff. The purchase will be made through Columbia Ford in the amount of \$35,688.53. Member Clark asked if the vehicle would be available to office staff for travel and training. Mr. Mears replied yes and, it's one of the reasons he chose the Ford Explorer. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

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Resolution 03-2021 – Approve Purchase of Ford Inceptor – Police Vehicle – State Purchasing Co-

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Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Clark to approve Resolution 03-2021. Public Works Director Mears told Council that the Ford Inceptor will replace vehicle number 4. The Ford Inceptor comes equipped except for the graphics and other specialized items. This vehicle purchase is similar to the one in 2020 and will be purchased through Columbia Ford in the amount of \$53,882.39. As there were no questions and no comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 04-2021 – Approve Labor Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 760 - Police

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Clark to approve Resolution 04-2021. City Administrator McDaniel told Council that this is a three-year labor agreement with the Omak Police Officers and Sergeants who are represented by the Teamsters Local Union No. 760. The current agreement expired December 31, 2020. The agreement provides for a salary increase but, the most significant is the medical benefits. The officers are currently on the LEOFF Trust Medical Plan and have negotiated moving to the Teamsters Medical Plan no later than December 31, 2021. When this happens, the City will see a significant savings in the monthly medical premiums. He believes this is a good agreement. As there were no questions and no comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Ordinance 1890 – Amending Omak Municipal Code, Chapter 14, State Building Codes

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Ordinance 1890. Building Official Wells explained to Council that due to COVID, the state delayed the implementation of the 2018 International Building Codes (IBC). They were scheduled to implement in July of 2020 and were pushed out to February 2021. The City amends an Ordinance every three years in accordance with WAC 51-50. Rather than amending the code every three years, staff recommended changes to the wording to, “most current codes”. This Ordinance was viewed by City Attorney Howe. Member Dave Womack asked if Council did not approve this Ordinance, could the City write their own codes? Building Official Wells said that according to the WAC’s, we must adopt the International Building Codes. Administrator McDaniel said the City could choose to adopt more stringent codes than the IBC but, not more relaxed. Building Official Wells explained to Council that every jurisdiction that he knows of has adopted the IBC’s. As there were not further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Cariker told Council that the Public Safety Committee met last Friday to discuss the parking in the Wildwood subdivision. She asked Public Works Director Mears to report. Mr. Mears said that he had gone up to the Wildwood subdivision and based on measurements and the Omak City Code, he determined one side of the road will have no parking. He talked with Fire Chief Bowling about the cul-de-sacs and intersections in that area. He also measured streets with curb/sidewalk and found them to be within standards except for the new project on Jasmine and Sixth Street. City Administrator McDaniel will prepare an Ordinance for approval and Mr. Mears will get a signage plan and alert area residents.

On behalf of a resident, Mr. Mears asked the committee about the installation of a streetlight on Cypress. At this time, the light is not warranted. The homeowner will be installing a yard light.

He also discussed with committee the RV Park Camp Host. He explained that they have a guest currently in the park staying during the winter months. He has advertised for a camp host and has received three responses. He intends to set up interviews and report to Council on the selection. He is also working with Librarian, Alyssa Collins on library parking and finding a resolution for Book Mobile parking.

Building Official Wells reported that he has done several inspections at the new Meadow Point site. He has also been working with Contract Planner, Kurt Danison and Public Works Director Mears on the Santiago Binding Site Plant. Staff will meet tomorrow and discuss the project to ensure everything is in order for the February 2, 2021 public hearing.

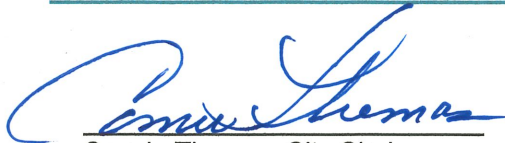
Public Works Director Mears told Council that he was preparing a Resolution for City Engineering services. He also has other projects he is working on.

City Clerk Thomas reminded Council that Friday would be Deputy Clerk, Amber Scott’s last day. She has accepted a position as the Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Okanogan.


As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

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Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor