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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 1, 2021**

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**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	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
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	Tyler Wells, Building Official
Dave Womack	

**CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Oath of Office – Dan Christensen**

Mayor Gagné asked City Council to confirm her appointment of Dan Christensen as the new Chief of Police. Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve the appointment and, hearing no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion. Mayor Gagné also thanked Darren Duncan who has held the Chief of Police position in the interim. Chief Duncan said that it was his honor to do so. Mayor Gagné administered the Oath of Office to Daniel Jens Christensen and presented him with his badge.

**Merit Award – Sergeant Duncan**

Mayor Gagné said that she and Chief Christensen prepared a joint award for Sergeant Duncan. She told everyone that it is a new day and, she is thrilled the Police Department are all in attendance tonight. Chief Christensen presented Sergeant Duncan with a "Distinguished Service Award for Merit". Chief Christensen explained that this is one of the highest awards given to an individual and can be worn on his uniform at any agency. He took on a hard position and made it look easy. He has appreciated the guidance from Sergeant Duncan. Chief Christensen then presented a plaque and, Sergeant Duncan's wife Elicia presented his merit pin and affixed it to his uniform.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Dave Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting; 2021 claims checks numbered 104374-104428, in the amount of \$281,722.34; February 2021 payroll checks numbered 104252-104254, 104328-104334, 104345-104357, 104364-104373, 104429 and (voided checks 104315-104327, 104335-104344) and ACH payments in the amount of \$291,005.26; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 16-2021 – Approving Sole Source Purchase-Firefighting Clothing-L Curtins & Sons**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 16-2021. Fire Chief Bowling explained to Council that the last couple of years, the Fire Department has been working to purchase and replace turnout gear. He explained that the turnout gear is manufactured by Globe Products and that LN Curtis & Sons is a sole source, authorized distributor for Globe Products. He said that it's beneficial for the department to maintain consistency in the clothing and would like to continue with this manufacturer. As there was no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 17-2021 – Approving Purchase of Pool Sump Pump from PumpTech**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 17-2021. Public Works Director Mears explained to Council that this sump pump is used at the pool and it has failed. This purchase was not included in the 2021 budget workshop discussions as the need for replacement was determined late in 2020. The initial thought was the pump could be rebuilt but, the parts are obsolete. PumpTech, Inc. provided the City with the lowest quote of \$5,682 and he recommends approval. As there was no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Committee/Staff Reports:**

Member Gaines told Council that the Personnel/Finance Committee met earlier this evening. They discussed the purchase of the fire truck and to either finance it through the LOCAL Program or pay cash in advance. She said that the actual beginning fund balance came in over the estimated budget amount. In addition, paying up front with cash would save the City an estimated \$15,000. The Committee also discussed with Clerk Thomas a request from the office administrative staff to adjust the operational hours. The proposal is that City Hall would be open from 7am-4pm which would coincide with other department hours. Clerk Thomas will prepare an Ordinance for the next Council agenda.

Building Official Wells told Council that the Planning Commission will be meeting at 5:30pm tomorrow. The City has also received application for a 15 lot, long-plat in the Sagelands Phase 3 Development which is near Paintbrush Lane. The Public Hearing is scheduled for April 6, 2021 at 5:30pm.

Chief Christensen told Council that in February, the Police Department had 251 incidents and explained that this was his first day. This evening after Council, he will be commissioning all the officers.

Public Works Director Mears welcomed Dan and told him that Public Works will support the Police department and to reach out if there is anything they can do. He also told Council that Mr. Ryan Christoph is a part of a local aviation group that has an interest in the Omak Airport. Mr. Mears will work with the Personnel/Finance Committee to schedule a meeting with the aviation group. Mr. Mears told Council that he is working to get the pool open this year. He has been meeting with other cities who operate pools on a course of action. He also reached out to Pool Manager, Heidi Sam and she is excited about the potential opening.


City Clerk Thomas told Council that new Deputy Clerk, Amanda Dickinson is attending the meeting. Amanda will start on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that Administrative Assistant Joleen Ervin was also in attendance and happy to see her pop in.


City Administrator McDaniel told Council that he has attended the Stampede Board meetings. They are working on the logistics whether it be 50% or 100% capacity, they plan to hold the event. They will start selling tickets later next week. He encouraged everyone to get behind them to ensure they are successful.

Councilmembers Foth, Freel, Clark and Dave Womack welcomed Dan Christensen and Amanda Dickinson to the City.

Member Gaines welcomed Chief Christensen and Mrs. Dickinson and thanked Sergeant Duncan for taking on the Interim Police Chief duties. She also shared that the Personnel/Finance Committee discussed in person Council meetings. Administrator McDaniel will be reaching out to Council and staff later this week to discuss a hybrid Council meeting environment.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

  
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Connie Thomas, City Clerk

  
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Cindy Gagné, Mayor