
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM, established a quorum and, everyone joined in the flag salute.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Proclaiming May as Mental Health Month

Mayor Gagné read a proclamation declaring May 2021 as Mental Health Month. In concert with that, Okanogan Behavioral HealthCare in collaboration with FYRE and the Confederated Tribes have organized a Color Walk at the Eastside Park Fitness Trail. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd from 10am-2pm. She also told Council that this past Friday, she, Administrator McDaniel, Police Chief Christensen, and Sergeant Tallant attended "The Stand Against Racism" event in Civic League Park. She said it was a nice event.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the April 19, 2021 meeting; 2021 claims checks numbered 104771-104825, in the amount of \$182,047.36; April 2021 payroll checks numbered 104461-104644, 104740-104770 (voided checks 104645-104662) and ACH payments in the amount of \$323,847.23; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1905 – 2ND Read – Amend 2021 Budget – CDBG/Asotin Storm Drain Project

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Ordinance 1905. City Administrator McDaniel told Council that this Ordinance will recognize increased revenue in the Block Grant Fund beginning fund balance and increase revenues and recognize the transfer to the storm drain fund. This amendment will sweep all funds from the Block Grant Fund and recognize the increased revenue for the CDBG-Storm Water Improvements and, reduce the ending fund balance by \$43,380.80. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

J&M Liquidations, LLC – Request for Fireworks Permit – Burger King Parking Lot

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve the Fireworks Permit for J&M Liquidations, LLC. Fire Chief Bowling explained to Council that J&M Liquidation, LLC is requesting permission to sell fireworks for the Fourth of July in the Burger King parking lot. Member Foth asked if there were any issues surrounding the request. Chief Bowling said there were none. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 22-2021 – Approving Amendment No. 1 with Gray & Osborne, Inc. – Sewer/Water Improvements

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 22-2021. Public Works Director Mears explained to Council that this is the City's continuation of our sewer infrastructure project. The sewer project will be located between west Second Avenue and west Sixth Avenue from Jasmine Street to Okoma Drive. The water system improvements will be from Dewberry Avenue to Kenwood and Locust Streets. The amendment is for Gray & Osborne, Inc. to design, bid and award services for the projects. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

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Resolution 23-2021 – Approving Agreement with Public Safety Testing – Law Enforcement Testing Services

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 23-2021. Police Chief Christensen explained this agreement would save on staff time and limit liability to the City. Public Safety Testing has provided the City with streamlined recruiting service and testing. This agreement allows for an annual automatic renewal. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 24-2021 – Approving Purchase of Two New Pumps for the Koala Sewer Lift Station

Member Dave Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 24-2021. Public Works Director Mears explained to Council that the City had a pump failure at the Koala Sewer Lift Station. The backup pump was shipped to Whitney Equipment Company to evaluate a possible rebuild. This leaves the lift station operating on one pump that was rebuilt several years ago and, this leaves the City in a possible emergency, situation. After discussing the situation with Administrator McDaniel and Mayor Gagné, the pumps were ordered, and the delivery is four weeks out. The cost of a rebuild is approximately \$7,812 and a new pump is estimated at \$10,899. Public Works Director Mears recommends the purchase of two new pumps. Member Dave Womack explained that the Infrastructure Committee met and recommends approval of this purchase. Member Gaines asked some clarifying questions to better understand the situation. The City would ultimately have three pumps with one being a spare. As there were no further questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:


Committee/Staff Reports:

Chief Christensen told Council that it has been a busy day and he has been out handling calls. Council will also see on the Omak Chronicle Facebook page a photo of two individuals suspected of theft at Grandma's Attic. He also told Council that Officer Pennycooke took initiative on his own and has been doing walk throughs of our local businesses which is appreciated by all. He also told Council that applications for the law enforcement position closed on April 30th and the City received two to three applications. On May 6th and 13th, he and Administrator McDaniel will attend an online Legal Briefing put on by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). Chief Christensen will also attend the WASPC Spring Conference and will apply for a scholarship to help offset the cost of the WAPC Conference.

Public Works Director Mears told Council that his crew has been working at the cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. The pool opening is going well and, seasonal help has been hired and they are busy in the parks. The RV Park is also picking up. Member Freel asked about the pool and what happens if Okanogan County is forced to roll back to Phase 2. Mr. Mears said that he has been working with a lot of pool operators from around the state. He chose to mirror Ellensburg and their plan. Ellensburg pools were open last year amidst the height of the pandemic and they have been very helpful. The pool will not be open for, general-public swim. He and Pool Manager Heidi Sam are working to offer lap swims, family unit swim and a modified swim lesson program. He has a draft of the pool "Re-Opening Procedures and Practices" that were submitted to the Department of Health for review and comment. He will share that draft with Council.

Member Cariker said the new Seesaw in Civic League Park looks great! She also told Council that the Omak Chamber of Commerce is organizing a Block Party (two blocks) scheduled for June 26th. She is the Chair of the event and has been working with Lauri Jones, Community Health Director at Okanogan Public Health. The event will consist of bands and vendors. The theme is "Thank You to First Responders".

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor