
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 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 all joined in the flag salute.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

Michael Foth	Tyler Wells, Building Official
Nattalie Cariker	Kevin Bowling, Fire Chief - absent
Barry Freel	Dan Christensen, 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:

Citizen Gagandeep "Deep" Bains introduced himself to Council. He explained that he owns two parcels in the Wildwood Subdivision just south of the City of Omak water reservoirs. The City of Omak owns two lots to the north and he would like to purchase a piece of the City's parcel. He would like to buy approximately 40-50 foot by 125-foot piece of property from the City of Omak. This would allow him to build an eighty-foot-wide home on each of his parcels. He envisions nice homes with beautiful views of the City. Member Dave Womack asked about the access including emergency access to the parcels he owns. Mr. Bains explained that he has twenty-foot easement next to the Bernica property. Member Dave Womack explained that the Infrastructure Committee discussed this property and talked about taking an inventory of City property. An inventory will help Council decide on whether to sell surplus land. Administrator McDaniel explained that there are some obstacles and concerns about the single access and would like to consult with City Attorney Howe. Mr. Bains also told Council that he is purchasing a large parcel from the Eastern Washington University Foundation. This parcel is undeveloped property in that same area. Member Walt Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker to defer this request to the Infrastructure Committee. Mayor Gagné clarified that Committee will be looking to get from Mr. Bains, a complete plan showing ingress and egress and, an inventory list of unused City property. Mayor Gagné thanked Mr. Bains and let him know that staff will be reaching out to him.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting; 2021 claims checks numbered 104834-104904 in the amount of \$660,376.91; April manual checks numbered 104638-104639 & 104739 in the amount of 442.09; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 25-2021 – Professional Service Agreement – Carl Precht Memorial RV Park Camp

Host

Member Dave Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 25-2021. Assistant Public Works Director Beetchenow told Council that this Professional Service Agreement is with Rachael Willis. She has already been camping in our RV Park. City Clerk Thomas confirmed that a background check was done through Washington State Patrol. As there was no further discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Greater Omak Area Comprehensive Plan – Transportation Element – Kurt Danison, Highlands

Mr. Danison explained to Council that they should have received the Transportation Element document, the staff report, and the Letter of Transmittal from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission's recommendation is to adopt the Transportation Element of the Greater Omak Area Comprehensive Plan with modifications. The modifications are based on the comments received. He explained that the pedestrian bridge planned, parallel the SR155 bridge was added based on comments from the Washington State Department of Transportation. In addition, Planning Commission Munding suggested right-of-way widths reduce to 40-50 feet on locally classified roads. Member Foth questioned if action needed to be taken on this item. Mr. Danison explained that Council could choose to set a Public Hearing for the next meeting or, if there are significant

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changes, Council can send it back to the Planning Commission. Member Gaines asked for clarification on page B-22. She believes a page may be missing as the numbering is off. Member Freel asked about page B-26 and the strikethrough of the "Path/trail between Eastside Park and Omache shopping center area along US 97 and via bridge under US 97 bridge at Eastside Park". Members would like to see that project remain in the plan. Mr. Danison told Council that he will make the modifications and corrections and, present the document along with the Resolution at the June 7th meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

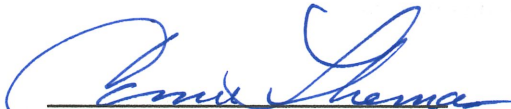
Member Freel told Council that Okanogan County Council of Governments (OCOG) met the month of May but there was not a quorum. The meeting was moved to June 2021.

Assistant Public Works Director Beetchenow told Council that the Public Works Crew will be pre-leveling the chip seal areas next week. The chip seal project takes in streets from 4th Avenue to Cherry and Ash Street to Granite. He also let Council know that the Omak Stampede, Inc. have been looking to replace the chutes in the Stampede Arena. They will be getting quotes for this project and present them to the City.

Police Chief Christensen told Council that in the first two weeks of May, Omak Police Officers responded to 214 calls. He said that Officer Pennycooke has successfully completed phase two of his training and moving into phase three. Officer Pennycooke was also instrumental in solving several burglaries downtown Omak.

City Administrator McDaniel told Council that he has provided a copy of the annual report to each Councilmember for review. If anyone has questions or comments, he would like those back by Monday, May 24th. He told Council that the annual report process went well and, that Clerk Thomas and the gals have been working hard to ensure the financials are transparent. The City is in a good position financially. He also advised Council there was a house fire at 510-512 S. Main. Building Official Wells is working to determine if the home is a total loss or salvageable. Administrator McDaniel said that the City may become involved and will keep Council updated.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor