
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 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
Barry Freel	Dan Christensen, Police Chief
Steve Clark	Ken Mears, Public Works Director
Walt Womack	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack	

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gagné told Council that she received a call from the new owner of Grocery Outlet. He extended an invitation to all for the Grand Re-Opening on Wednesday, June 23 at 10am.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the June 7, 2021, meeting; 2021 claims checks numbered 105019, 105030-105096 in the amount of \$451,968.93; Voided checks 105022-105029 & 105046; May manual checks numbered 104826-104828, 104833 in the amount of 2271.21; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2022-2027

Mayor Gagné opened the Public Hearing for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program at 7:01pm. She asked Public Works Director Mears to report. Mr. Mears told Council that annually, the City of Omak is required to update the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and hold a public hearing to receive comment. As of today, no comments were received. Mayor Gagné asked if there was any opposition. Seeing and hearing none, she closed the Public Hearing at 7:02pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 28-2021 – Approved Contract – Proline Concrete Cutting, LLC-Jasmine St Driveway Entrance

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Freel, to approve Resolution 28-2021. Public Works Director Mears told Council that after the 2020 Transportation Improvement Project on Jasmine Street was complete, a resident asked to install a driveway entrance to their field. This request was presented to the Infrastructure Committee last fall and, they recommended the install of the driveway be done in spring of 2021. Mr. Mears said the multiple quotes were requested but only two contractors submitted. He explained that the quote from Proline Concrete Cutting, LLC in the amount of \$9,485 was the lowest. He also told Council that costs have escalated since last year. Member Gaines and Member Dave Womack asked why the City of Omak was paying for the project. Public Works Director Mears explained that the driveway and gate were overgrown with vegetation therefore, it was not included in the TIB Project. Administrator McDaniel told Council that this project is funded in the 2021 budget. As there was no further discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 29-2021 – Approved the Purchase of Grinder Pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 29-2021. Public Works Director Mears told Council that the grinder pump is used in processing treated wastewater. Three quotes were received from vendors. One quote was for a technician to install, the other lower quotes would require the city to retrofit the pump configuration. After discussions with Wastewater Chief Operator, Jesus Arciniega about cost, Public Works Director Mears chose to purchase the grinder pump in the amount of \$15,494 from JWC

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Environmental and, the crew would perform the installation. Member Freel asked if the grinder pump was included in the 2021 budget. Mr. Mears said that it was and, it was listed as a Capital Purchase. As there was no further discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 30-2021 – Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2022-2027

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve Resolution 30-2021. Public Works Director Mears told Council that the plan was emailed out to the Infrastructure Committee for review and comment. The plan was also sent to city engineers, Gray & Osborne who updated the funding cost estimates. They also included in the plan, the east leg of Jonathan Street connecting to Quince Street. Member Gaines asked about if the city plans to move forward with the roundabout at the intersection of Quince and Riverside Drive. Mr. Mears explained that the STIP includes plans from the Washington State Department of Transportation. The roundabout is included as a placeholder and funding opportunities. Member Gaines also asked about the status of the Engh Road project. Mr. Mears said that he has been working with Okanogan County and City Engineers. Administrator McDaniel explained that the City of Omak just received today, the final right-of-way, purchase paperwork. He explained that the cost of project is based on costs from ten to fifteen years ago and he has concerns. He will be reaching out to City Engineers Gray & Osborne to discuss the project. As there was no further discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Foth told Council that the Community Support and Public Safety Committee met. He explained that five topics were discussed and, the committee was in favor of them all. He listed them: Taser/Cameras for the Police Department, Full Time Records Clerk, Pickup truck for the Police Department, Purchase of Stampede Chutes & Acquisition of property. These items will also be presented to the Personnel/Finance Committee. Member Dave Womack questioned the pickup truck. Police Chief Christensen explained there could be a cost savings if comparing the purchase of a Chevy Tahoe. Trucks have a higher resale value at the end of its service life. The truck will also accommodate a larger framed officer easier than the Dodge Charger. Chief Christensen will go into more detail for the Personnel/Finance Committee. Member Freel asked if the Sheriff's Department liked their body camera's and was curious to know if they are having any problems. Chief Christensen explained that the cameras were used in Omak on a couple of cases and the video quality was good. He explained the company he would like to use is called, AXON and is one of the best. He told Council a little about the features and then Member Cariker elaborated. Member Cariker said she used Axon during her time as Chief of Police in Brewster. She explained about the redaction software, retention and confirmed that they are the best out there. This service will help protect the City of Omak from potential liability.

Member Freel told Council that the Okanogan County Council of Governments met and discussed the Interagency Data Sharing agreement. They decided to send the agreement to the attorney for review and discussed cost sharing with Okanogan County Transportation Association.

City Administrator McDaniel said the Personnel/Finance Committee will meet at 4pm on Friday, June 25th. He also told Council that Mayor Gagné signed the application for the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) and it has been submitted. He stated that applications with assurances are usually brought before Council in the form of a Resolution but, the deadline for this document did not allow for that. He is still waiting on guidance on how the ARPA Funds can be spent. Member Freel asked if there was a plan on how the ARPA funds were going to be allocated. Administrator McDaniel said that he will reach out to staff for a list and as a group sit down to discuss priorities. Because this is federal funding the City may be required to hold a public hearing on how the funds will be allocated.

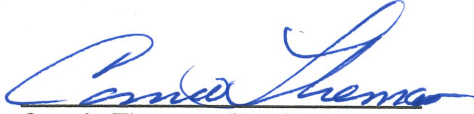
Fire Chief Bowling has talked with the Colville Tribe about the use of the Eastside Park for fireworks on July 4th. It was determined, the Eastside Park will be used for fireworks that day. He also shared with Council that today the County Commissioners met and voted to put on the burn ban. Chief Bowling said that he usually waits until July 1st but due to the weather conditions, he followed suit with Okanogan County and issued the City of Omak burn ban as of today.

Member Cariker reminded all that Saturday, June 26th from 11am-3pm is the Omak Chamber Block Party. She said there will be about 40 booths that include, vendors, food, live music, and a Kid's Zone hosted by the Kiwanis. The ceremony for the First Responders will take place at noon. If anyone would like to volunteer at the event, please contact her.

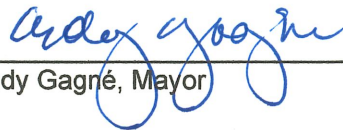
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Mayor Gagné told Council that on Saturday, June 26th at 11am, there will be a Fly-In at the Omak Airport hosted by the Okanogan & Ferry County Chapter of Washington Pilots Association. This also told Council that this week is the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference. There are a lot of interesting subjects and, tomorrow at 10am there will be a live conversation with General James Mattis. Wednesday's schedule includes something similar too "Ted Talks" and an inspirational speaker. Thursday's schedule will have a segment on the police reform, the American Recovery Plan Act funds and Municipal Research and Services Center will be online as well. Administrator McDaniel will have the Council Chamber set up for online viewing.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor