
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 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	Ken Mears, Public Works Director
Walt Womack	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Tyler Wells, Building Official - absent
Dave Womack	

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gagné reminded Council that the Omak Stampede event is upcoming beginning with the Kick-Off Party on Wednesday, August 11th. She encouraged their attendance at the events and reminded Council that it was a great opportunity to volunteer.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the July 19, 2021, meeting; 2021 claims checks numbered 105295-105351, in the amount of \$221,139.44; July 2021 payroll checks numbered 105188-105191, 105266-105294 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$350,852.42; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 40-2021 – Approving Purchase of a Police Patrol Vehicle

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 40-2021. Police Chief Christensen explained to Council that he would like to purchase a Ford Police Responder F-150 patrol vehicle through King County Director's Association (KCDA). He explained that this vehicle would give the department a different ability to respond, a higher visibility and be able to accommodate larger framed employees. He received a quote from Phil Long Southwest Auto Park in the amount of \$37,927 which did not include tax. He plans to leverage new sources and obtain quotes from other vendors to upfit the F-150 with police equipment. He estimates the total purchase including upfit will be approximately \$58,500. Member Clark asked about delivery date. Chief Christensen said the delivery would be within sixty days and it would be delivered to Cowlitz County. City Administrator McDaniel told Council that a separate resolution would come before Council for the upfit. This purchase was not a 2021 budgeted expense and Administrator McDaniel anticipates it to be no more than \$59,000. As there were no further questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Clark told Council that the SWAC Meeting scheduled for this evening was canceled and they intend to meet on October 1, 2021.

Police Chief Christensen told Council that the Legislative Changes are driving a lot of his time. He and City of Brewster Police Chief Ruiz were guest speakers at the Rotary Club of Okanogan-Omak. They spoke to Rotarians about the new legislation affecting law enforcement including House Bill 1310 Concerning permissible uses of Force by Law Enforcement. Chief Christensen is seeing a lot of policy examples from other departments on the new legislation. He intends on bringing a policy package to Council. He told Council that the officers continue to be very busy with call load. For the month of July, Omak issued 46 citations and responded to 477 incidents. Peak call load continues to be Friday, Saturday and, Sunday with 0800-1000 being peak. Theft, homeless and commercial burglary continue to drive activity. He told Council that he and Sergeant's Duncan and Tallant conducted Chief Interviews. There were three candidates interviewed and Ryan

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Carnahan has been offered a conditional offer to fill the funded vacant officer position. He is scheduled for his polygraph and psychological exam. Chief Christensen anticipates a start date of September 1st. He also commented that the candidate selection was difficult and, he would have hired all three if he could. He plans to use the new officer to cover what he terms "The Power Shift" which is the peak days that the bulk of call come in and resources are needed.

City Administrator McDaniel said that Clerk Thomas has kicked off the budget process and will be getting the "Call to Budget" out to department heads on August 5th. He said that Omak Stampede, Inc. is selling tickets and that the Tribal Encampment is expecting fifty-four vendors and the Owners & Jockey's have more horses than they know what to do with. He expects a good turnout.

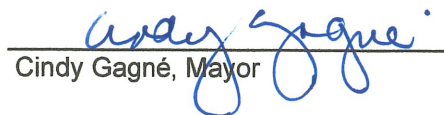
Member Cariker reminded Council that on August 21st, the Chamber is hosting the Part in the Park The block party that was canceled in June was rescheduled and is now being held in Civic League Park. They are honoring First Responders and the ceremony will be at noon. There will be vendors, music and Kiwanis will be hosting a Kid's Zone. The event is from 11am-3pm.

Mayor Gagné announced that tonight is Walt Womack's last meeting as he is resigning his Council position with the City of Omak. He will be missed. Everyone thanked Member Walt Womack for his service.

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



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor