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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 16, 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, established a quorum and all joined in the flag salute.

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:**

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Citizen Leslie Todd representing the Washington State Nashville Country Star Program which is a non-profit organization. She told Council that the organization is hosting a reunion show on October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. On October 9<sup>th</sup> there will be two shows, a country portion at 2pm and then rock and roll at 7pm. On Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>, they are bringing back singers and songwriters who are now performing throughout the country. She asked if Council would help promote the program by creating and putting up a "Welcome Nashville Country Stars", posters in the windows of businesses. She would also like to have banners made and hung as you enter the city, that, welcome the stars. This would be similar to what is done for other events. Mayor Gagné asked if Council had questions for Mrs. Todd. Member Foth suggested she reach out to Pepsi as they are a good avenue for banners. Member Dave Womack asked if they were putting together a program for the event. In past Performing Arts Center productions, programs contained advertising paid for by local businesses. Selling ads would generate revenue. Member Cariker explained to Mrs. Todd that events and promotion of, are handled by the organization itself. The City of Omak can help non-profit organizations fund advertising through Hotel/Motel. She suggested the City of Omak Hotel/Motel Committee meet to determine if funds can be available for 2021. If not, a request can be made for 2022. Mayor Gagné told Mrs. Todd that Omak Chamber President, Brian Ellis would be a great contact. In addition, the Omak Performing Arts Center Board can assist with advertising. Mayor Gagné thanked Mrs. Todd for sharing the event information. The Hotel/Motel Committee will be reaching out.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gagné told Council that we made it through another Stampede event and things went well.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the August 2, 2021, meeting; 2021 claims checks numbered 105360-105422 in the amount of \$283,175.04; July manual checks numbered 105185, 105186, 105192 and 105352 in the amount of \$1,981.52; Member Dave Womack asked for an update on the Amerigas claims check approved at the last meeting. There was discussion and City Clerk Thomas is working on a credit. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 41-2021 – Approving Purchase Agreement with Lexipol**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 41-2021. Police Chief Christensen reminded Council that Council Committees have discussed the purchase of Lexipol. Lexipol provides Law Enforcement Agencies with policy, procedure implementation and training programs. The Lexipol

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program is currently being used by the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office, Brewster Police, Oroville & Twisp. With the plethora of change from the legislature, this program will keep our agency up to date with the mass changes in laws. Member Gaines asked about the purchase price and the discounts referred to in the Chief's memo. There was discussion about the cost and reimbursements through Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW) and the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). Administrator McDaniel estimates a \$2,300 reimbursement. Member Gaines also clarified that the policy subscription would be prorated from September rather than August as outlined in Exhibit "A". Chief Christensen explained that the price would be adjusted as he anticipated bringing the resolution to first Council. Member Gaines also asked if this purchase was budgeted? Administrator McDaniel said that it was not but, the fund would absorb the purchase. This purchase was a result of the new laws that came into effect in July. As there was no further discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Committee/Staff Reports:**

Police Chief Christensen highlighted his Council Briefing report. He told Council that he added the Crisis Line phone number to the patrol vehicles. This is an effort to strengthen the partnership with Okanogan Behavioral Health Care (OBHC). He shared statistics on the property crime trends in Omak stating that in the last five-years of property crimes, July 2021 is the highest at 87 crimes. Property crime is up and, thievery is very active in our city. He said that over the weekend, officers collared and booked some thieves. The new Police Candidate has successfully completed his polygraph and psychological and he anticipates training at the Spokane Police Academy. He also told Council that Sergeant Darren Duncan will be graduating Patrol Tactics Instructor Training at the end of this week.

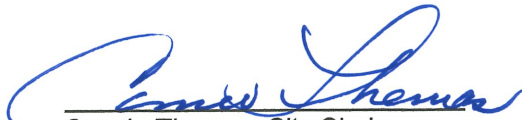
Public Works Director Mears that with the Omak Stampede event, there were a few minor hiccups but, overall, it was a great event. He was able to attend the Saturday night rodeo and had a great time. Member Clark asked if the Omak Pool was closed. Mr. Mears said the pool closed on August 10<sup>th</sup>. This year staff had to consider the COVID-19 Pandemic and staffing issues. He anticipates that 2022 pool season will be normal and with the closure toward the end of August.

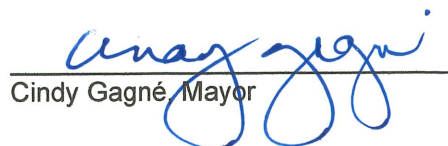
City Administrator McDaniel explained that he prepared a memo to the Personnel/Finance Committee about the need to issue a manual check for airport fuel. The city received two invoices this past Friday and he anticipates invoices for two additional loads. Member Gaines said that both her and Member Dave Womack initialed the memo. Member Clark asked if the city was able to keep up with the supply. Administrator McDaniel said fuel was out for a couple hours but, Omak is a priority. His long-term goal is to get a larger tank to increase fuel capacity. This may be a 2022 budget request. He also thanked Member Freeland for his help during Stampede event.

Member Cariker reminded everyone about the Party in the Park event on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 3pm. They are honoring First Responders at noon. There will be live loud music at this event.

Member Gaines asked how Member Walt Womack's position will be filled. Mayor Gagné explained that she will officially accept his resignation and then the city will have 180 days to fill the position. The city will be advertising to fill the vacant position.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

  
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Connie Thomas, City Clerk

  
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Cindy Gagné, Mayor