
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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
Vacant	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Tyler Wells, Building Official
Dave Womack	

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gagné told Council that she is adding item number six to the agenda, Resolution 45-2021.

Proclamation – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Gagné told Council that for several years now, Jessica Beckstrand has made an annual request of her to proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Gagné read the proclamation for the record and explained that a copy of the proclamation will be sent to Mrs. Beckstrand.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the August 16, 2021, meeting; 2021 claims checks numbered 105549-105629, in the amount of \$583,373.62; August 2021 payroll checks numbered 105356-105359, 405427-105454 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$357,970.92; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Request – Okanogan Behavioral Health – Recover Month Music in the Park Event

Mayor Gagné told Council that this event has been canceled.

Resolution 42-2021 – Approve Purchase of Playground Equipment for Julia Maley Park

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 42-2021. Public Works Director Mears reminded Council that when the Julia Maley well was installed, they had to remove the old and unsafe playground equipment. Now that the irrigation system and grass is in, they are ready to install new playground equipment. Public Works Director Mears said that three quotes were obtained and Willy Goat Toys & Playground, LLC provided the lowest quote in the amount of \$10,243 for a swing, climber, and slide. This expenditure was budgeted for 2021. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 43-2021 – Approve Amendment No. 2 with Gray & Osborne - Pool Facility

Assessment

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 43-2021. Public Works Director Mears explained that the amendment allows Gray & Osborne, Inc. To provide a full facility onsite assessment, hazardous material testing and then a final report to Council on how to proceed. Member Clark told Council that the Infrastructure Committee met and are in favor of the pool facility assessment. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 44-2021 – Approve Amendment No. 3 with Gray & Osborne – Julia Maley Park Well

Pilot Study

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 44-2021. Public Works Director Mears told Council that this amendment allows Gray & Osborne, LLC. to perform a pilot study on the Julia Maley Well which will include an environmental and cultural/historical review. Gray & Osborne, Inc., will then provide Council with the report and pilot study summary including quality control and assurances. Member

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Clark told Council that the Infrastructure Committee met and are in favor of G&O Amendment No. 3. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Gary Headlee – Traffic Flow on Grape/Ironwood

Citizen Gary Headlee was in attendance to discuss the traffic flow at the intersection of Ironwood and Grape Street. He told Council that he had a conversation with Public Works Director Mears prior to the meeting and his concerns were addressed during that call. Mr. Mears said that he was going to discuss a possible solution to the intersection with city engineers. City engineers are expected onsite this month.

Resolution 45-2021 – Approve Local Agency Supplement No. 3 with Washington State DOT for Engh Rd/SR215 Improvements Right-of-Way

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 45-2021. City Administrator McDaniel apologized to Council about the last-minute resolution. He told Council that preliminary engineering, design, and the purchase of right-of-way are complete. Supplement No. 3 with the Washington State Department of Transportation is for the obligation of the construction phase of the Engh Road/SR215 improvements. This project will go out to bid in the fall. Member Clark told Council that the Infrastructure Committee discussed this resolution and are in favor of it. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Clark told Council that the Infrastructure Committee met and discussed the Sidewalk Project on Omak Avenue from Hanford Street to Jackson Street. This project began as flashing beacons near East Omak School but then morphed to a larger scale with increased cost estimated at \$237,000 along with potential right-of-way issues with the railroad and the project has been placed on hold. Administrator McDaniel told Council that this project rated high with the Safe Routes to School Program through WSDOT. The city will resubmit an application during the next funding cycle. The Infrastructure Committee also discussed a request for annexation from the Department of Natural Resources. The Alpine Veterinarian Clinic on the property has a failing sewer system and they would like to connect to city sewer. The annexation process takes approximately forty-five days and there was discussion about allowing DNR to connect to the city sewer while processing the annexation. Member Womack expressed concerns about the need for city improvements that would normally come along with the request to annex.

Building Official Wells told Council that he has been busy with the Meadow Point and Meadow Lark projects. He advised Council that they may see a request for a Text Amendment to the Omak Municipal Code, Sign Code.

Police Chief Christensen told Council that the Omak Police Department responded to four hundred thirty-seven calls in the month of August. New hire, Police Officer, Ryan Carnahan started work on September 1, 2021.

Public Works Director Mears told Council that he is closing out the Asotin Storm Drain project. He also advised that Fire Camp has been set up in Eastside Park through the month of September and it's going well. He has been working on budget and it has been forwarded to the City Clerk. He thanked his staff for their support in the process.

Member Dave Womack asked if Public Works intends on striping or signing no parking on Jasmine Street. Member Foth has not seen anyone parking along the side of Jasmine. Public Works Director Mears said his crew is out painting this week and he will make sure they are aware of this area. It may be more cost effective to place signage versus painting the curbs on an annual basis so, he will look into it.

City Clerk Thomas told Council that the advertisement for the vacant Council position will be publicized in the Omak Chronicle for two weeks. The application is already posted on the homepage of the city website. She thanked Ken for his timeliness with his department budget. She worked on it today.

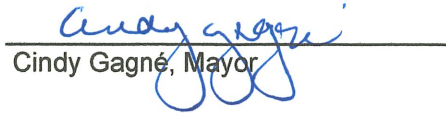
City Administrator McDaniel told Council that the Fire Camp agreement was set at \$500/day. He told Council that because of fuel purchases, he will need to do a budget amendment to recognize the increase expenditure. The revenue side has also increased. Administrator McDaniel said he received an email from the Department of Revenue asking about any changes to business registration ordinance or fees. There was discussion and the consensus was there would be no changes in 2022. Administrator McDaniel said he email Council alerting to a COVID positive case at the city. The interoffice is locked down and any citizens are being met in the lobby, conference, or council room. He said that Council meetings will continue via Zoom. Member

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Clark appreciated the email about the situation from staff and he appreciated that he didn't have to hear about the exposure through the grapevine.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.


Connie Thomas, City Clerk


Cindy Gagné, Mayor