
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council held via Zoom 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
Meyer Louie	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack	Wayne Beetchenow, Asst. Public Works Director

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Gagné asked if there was anyone in attendance not on the agenda that would like to address Council. There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Officer of the Year

Chief Christensen informed Council that Officer Shane Schaefer was nominated by his supervisors to receive the 2021 Officer of the Year Award. Chief Christensen explained that this award is a great honor and, he has earned the respect of his peers. Mayor Gagné presented Officer Schaefer with the 2021 Officer of The Year award.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the January 3, 2022, meeting; 2021 December claims checks numbered 106182-106236 in the amount of \$331,064.91; December 2021 manual claims checks numbered 106043-106044, 106049 in the amount of \$421.96; December 2021 payroll adjustments check numbered 106172, 106175-106177 in the amount of \$242.60 (checks 106136, 106173, 106174 were voided); 2022 January claims check numbered 106237-106264 in the amount of \$18,699.69. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Legislative Report – Senator Shelly Short

Mayor Gagné welcomed Senator Shelly Short and City Lobbyist Mara Machulsky who were in attendance via Zoom. Senator Short told Council that Representative Maycumber had a family commitment and was unable to join this evening. Ms. Machulsky provided some opening remarks letting Council know that on January 10th the session began and its already a packed session and its virtual. Ms. Machulsky touched on the Transportation Package and understands that wildfire is a huge concern for all. She thanked Senator Short for allocating 4.3 million for the airport water reservoir. Unfortunately, the project was allocated through COVID Funds which invalidated the budget funds. With the help of Senator Short, the funds will be reallocated with bond funds. She also understood the City of Omak funded a cost study for a public safety building.

Senator Short explained to Council that she feels the biggest thing this session is "do no harm". Families are struggling and the long-term care act and energy bills will add to their costs. They are a week and a half into the 2022 legislative session and, she wants to hear from Omak as to what they are most interested in. Police Chief Christensen asked her to watch the public safety bills SB5841, SB5577 and SB5569 relating to public safety. City Administrator McDaniel said that he appreciates the help from Senator Short on the reservoir project. He will be meeting with the Department of Natural Resources to discuss the project. Senator Short assured Mr. McDaniel that Omak will get the funding needing for the airport reservoir. Omak is not the only project that was caught in this situation. The other thing that concerns Administrator McDaniel is the state offices lagging on communication due to the shut-down. He would like them to function again. Senator Short is hopeful for that too. She discussed a little about the Emergency Powers Reform and getting the Legislation

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involved again. The State of Washington is seven hundred days into this and, she misses seeing people in person. Ms. Muchulsky told Senator Short that there are other needs for Omak such as storage for jet fuel and housing for DNR crews. She asked what recommendations Senator Short had for Omak as the funding comes together on this project. Senator Short recommended several phases as it will take a lot of money to develop. She advised Omak to get together with partners and chart a path. She feels it is critical to have a hub for firefighting and safety. She said that USDA, Rural Development could be an entity to work with along with Department of Commerce. Member Louie introduced himself to Senator Short as the newest Councilmember and he looked forward to talking with her more. Senator Short told Council that there are a number of proposals regarding the long-term care act that were put on hold through 2023. In addition to legislation that will fix or repeal. Member Womack said he was glad to hear that. He himself has a limited time to pay as he is in the latter part of his work career and won't be able to use it. He is glad to see it's on hold. Mayor Gagné thanked Senator Short and Ms. Muchulsky for their time.

Accept the Intent to Annex Parcel No. 3425340138 – Owner, Peter D. Nansen

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker to accept the intent to annex parcel no. 3425340138. City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that Dirk Nansen owns a piece of property on Jasmine Street and he would like to annex that into the City. Staff has met with Mr. Nansen and explained the annexation process. Mr. Nansen will possibly make a request to annex. The recommendation from staff would require any homes to connect to city services. Administrator McDaniel believes that it's reasonable to allow Mr. Nansen to petition for annexation and go through the process. Administrator McDaniel recommends Council accept the Intent to Annex Parcel No. 3425340138. The intent to annex may not be seen by Council for a year or so. Member Gaines confirmed the property is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan and in the planning area. Building Official Wells confirmed that is it. Mayor Gagné asked if Council accepts the intent to annex as the burden lays with the landowner, hearing no opposition and no further comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 01-2022 – Approve Purchase with Rainier Arms

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 01-2022. Police Chief Christensen explained the purchase will bring the Omak Police Department patrol rifles into compliance with RCW 10.116.040. The Omak Police Officers Guild on their own last year acquired new uppers for the rifles and donated them to the Omak Police Department. The quote from Rainier Arms in the amount of \$8,643 is within the 2022 budget allocation. As there was no discussion or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 02-2022 – Approve Purchase with Dell Technologies

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 02-2022. Police Chief Christensen explained to Council that computer replacement purchases for all departments were combined into one order. Dell Computer offers a state contract pricing and money was saved. Member Womack asked if the purchase was included in the 2022 budget. Chief Christensen replied yes, and there is a savings with placing a single order. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Gaines told Council that the Infrastructure Committee met tonight prior to this meeting. The committee reviewed a request from Los Gallos for a one-time water adjustment for a leak. Committee recommended the approval.

Police Chief Christensen told Council that he received grant funding for a Health Navigator position and, he is excited to fill it.

Public Works Director Mears thanked Council, Mayor Gagné and City staff for their support over the last thirty years. He is retiring on January 31, 2022

City Clerk Thomas thanked Building Official Wells for helping her with the front desk during the snow days. She didn't have any staff and he stepped up and was able to answer phones and utility customers. She also told Council that she is still vetting candidates for the open positions in the office. She reminded Council of Ken's retirement party on Friday, January 28th from 11am-1pm.

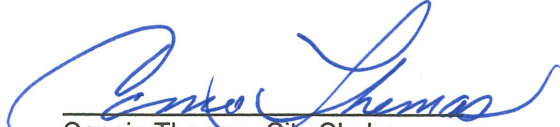
Administrator McDaniel told Council that an email has gone out for the Washington State Auditor's Exit Conference. The conference will be held on January 26th at 10am via Zoom. He would also like to convene the

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Finance Committee about the Long-Term Care Act prior to the submission of payroll. Administrator McDaniel thanked Mr. Mears for his service and said that he has a lot of talents.

Member Foth, Cariker, Clark, Louie, Freel and Womack thanked Mr. Mears for his service. Member Clark also congratulated Officer Schaefer on his award tonight. He also thanked the public works crew for the awesome job they did on the snow removal.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor