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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 22, 2022**

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**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	Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director
Meyer Louie	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack - Absent	

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the February 7, 2022, meeting; 2022 claims checks numbered 106383-106434 in the amount of \$224,102.39; January manual claims checks numbered 106169-106171, 106178, 106265-106267 in the amount of \$5,412.04. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Leon Hoover, President of Omak Stampede, Inc.**

Mayor Gagné welcomed Mr. Hoover. President Hoover provided Mayor, Council and staff copies of the Omak Stampede, Inc. profit & loss statement and the 2022 Annual Budget. He thanked the city and everyone that was involved with the 2021 Omak Stampede Event. The Omak Stampede was able to live stream the event on the Cowboy Channel. City crew helped sharpening the look of the arena prior to being live nationally. President Hoover reviewed highlights of the profit & loss statement sharing that in 2021 they were able to put approximately \$117,000 in the bank and usually they are fighting to stay afloat. He mentioned several items that contributed to the boon in revenue. He said the Colville Tribe contributed \$20,000 for their events, income from the Cowboy Channel who in addition paid the sound man. Much of their income is from the beer garden sales and, they have not increased prices in six years. Davis Shows pays the Stampede like and remitted an estimated \$86,000. President Hoover informed Council and staff that Davis Shows will not be returning. They are working to get another Carnival but, he doesn't anticipate the same return as they did with Davis Shows. He said the Omak Stampede raised \$14,550 during their Tough Enough to Wear Pink Campaign. This money was donated the three local hospitals in our valley. In 2022, Omak Stampede has budgeted for installation of fiber. They also hired a new Ticket Manager, Gayle Fuller. He anticipates the new chutes to arrive in March. The stock contractors are excited and hopes they are installed by the end of May as the Stampede would like to put on a concert in the arena. He is working with Ellensburg Rodeo to plan this stand-alone event. He wants to use the arena to its fullest potential. Member Clark asked if they plan to raise prices or rates to vendors. Mr. Hoover explained that no increases are planned for 2022 and contracts are set. Member Louie expressed concern about the walkway lighting, traffic and, tenting congestion on the walkway between the Omak Stampede arena and the Encampment this past year. Mr. Hoover explained with the new security company, there were some areas they found issues with. They plan to have a couple meetings prior to the 2022 event to resolve logistical issues. He wants to ensure a fan friendly environment to ensure people are willing to come back.

**Resolution 10-2022 – Approve Grant Agreement with WA State Department of Ecology**

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 10-2022. City Administrator McDaniel informed Council the current Shoreline Master Program (SMP) requires a periodic review. This periodic review is to ensure the SMP conforms with changes made in state laws. This process will take up to a year to complete. The Washington State Department of Ecology awarded the City of Omak a grant in the amount of \$11,200 to cover the total expense of the update. As there was no discussion or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 11-2022 – Approve Purchase of a 2022 Ford F150 Pickup**

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Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve Resolution 11-2022. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council the 2022 Ford 150 pickup will replace equipment no. 271, the 2021 Ford Explorer that was transferred to the Police Department. The transfer and purchase were discussed with the Personnel/Finance Committee. The purchase will be made through the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative Bud Clary Ford. The total purchase price is \$41,066.26 and was not funded in the 2022 budget. Prior to delivery, Administrator McDaniel will bring a budget amendment to Council. Member Clark asked when the city expects delivery? Mr. Beetchenow was unable to give Member Clark a firm delivery month or year. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 12-2022 – Approve Purchase of a UTV Snow Plow**

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 12-2022. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council that the snow plow will be installed on the John Deere Gator XUV that was approved for purchase by Council during the last meeting. The purchase will be made through SnowEx. Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing agency of the State of Minnesota, has a current contract with SnowEx. The purchase price is \$5,069. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Committee/Staff Reports:**

Member Cariker told Council the LEOFF 1 Board met this month and reviewed and approved bills.

Member Freel told Council that Okanogan Council of Governments met last Monday and, they announced the new Chairman, Jon Neal who is the Mayor of Oroville. They also heard reports from Okanogan County and the Washington State Department of Transportation. The board approved a consulting agreement with SCJ Alliance for the Human Services Transportation Plan.


Chief Christensen reported as of 6pm, there is a 43% increase in the service calls for his department compared to last year.

City Clerk Thomas told Council that she has filled the vacant Administrative Position. She offered the position to John Marshall. Mr. Marshall will start on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Member Cariker expressed concern with the graffiti in the bandshell and on the bathrooms. The graffiti is still there and, she is wondering if weather is preventing clean up. Public Works Director Beetchenow said his crew has been removing graffiti from the library. The mural in the bandshell will take some work. There was discussion about cleaning up the artwork prior to sealing it.

Member Louie recognized today's date, 2-22-22 as a momentous moment in our history.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

  
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Connie Thomas, City Clerk

  
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Cindy Gagné, Mayor