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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 4, 2022**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Gagné called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM and everyone joined in the flag salute.

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:**

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| Michael Foth     | Todd McDaniel, City Administrator       |
| Nattalie Cariker | Kevin Bowling, Fire Chief               |
| Barry Freel      | Dan Christensen, Chief of Police        |
| Steve Clark      | Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director |
| Meyer Louie      | Connie Thomas, City Clerk               |
| Michelle Gaines  | Tyler Wells, Building Official          |
| Dave Womack      |   |

**CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gagné informed Council that she and Council have received an invitation from the Girl Scouts. This is an easy way to engage with them. They are celebrating their 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and this is a fun way to participate in an organization that is good for kids.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the March 21, 2022, meeting; claims checks numbered 106817-106866 issued, in the amount of \$320,579.04; March 2022 payroll checks numbered 106624-106627, 106630-106815 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$316,113.64; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 24-2022 Approve Archeological Survey & Monitoring Agreement-Skate Park**

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve Resolution 24-2022. Administrator McDaniel reminded Council that in 2020 the City of Omak applied for a grant with the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for the construction of a new skate park. He wanted to ensure the city had an agreement in place for monitoring. He said, the city has worked with the Colville History and Archeological Office in the past. The grant provides for \$401,070 toward construction at the time of application. The city would match \$17,395. Because of the delay in the RCO award, this grant is unexpected and not included in the 2022 budget. He also informed Council that, staff will hold off on fully executing the agreement until we receive the award from RCO. He anticipates this project going out to bid late summer with construction in late fall or early spring. There was some discussion about the need for the survey and monitoring as that area has been dug in for many projects. Administrator McDaniel said that area has not been disturbed and was not aware of any studies in that area. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 25-2022 – Approve Grant Agreement with Beacon Health Options, Inc. & Creating Co-Responder Position**

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 25-2022. Police Chief Christensen explained to Council that a grant is available from Beacon Health to create a Co-Responder position. This position will assist the Police Officer's in responding to behavioral health issues, assist individuals with assessment, prevention, and coordination of services. The grant funding of \$94,400 is through March 14, 2023. City Administrator McDaniel informed Council that he will be bringing an ordinance to Council to update the salary schedule. The salary for that position will range from \$53,000 - \$56,000 with full benefits. There will be discussion during the next budget cycle to either continue or end the position. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 26-2022 – Approve Declaration of Emergency for Sewer System Repairs**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve Resolution 26-2022. Public Works Director Beetchenow explained to Council that manholes are in danger of collapsing and need to be replaced. Member Womack explained the Personnel/Finance committee discussed the emergency repairs. The

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deterioration of the manholes results from several circumstances and, the new manholes will be constructed with polymer. Administrator McDaniel explained the deterioration of the manholes is the product going through them and the H<sub>2</sub>s gas. Getting the manholes replaced will stop the imminent failure that could happen in this situation. The Colville Tribe has a ninety percent completed plan that will take care of the problem. He is confident it will get better. Member Freel asked if the situation was affecting the new lift station. Public Works Director Beetchenow said, not to the extent of the manholes. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Committee/Staff Reports:**

Member Womack informed Council that the Personnel/Finance Committee met prior the meeting this evening. They reviewed all the projects and capital purchases in the 2022 Budget. The inflation may cause an increase in the bid cost. As the final bids come in on the projects, Administrator McDaniel will keep Council informed.

Member Clark informed Council that the Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAC) did not have a quorum to conduct a meeting. The next meeting will be in June.

Building Official Wells Informed Council that it has been a busy March. There is a lot of development and is continuing to get busier.


Chief Christensen informed Council that he submitted reports with good information for Council and he is willing to discuss it.


Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council that the chutes arrived and, they are being installed in the Stampede Arena. He has hired two full time employees, Aaron Randall, and Ricky Gilchrist. The seasonal employees are also onboard, Rick Roach and Joshua Fleming. Member Womack asked who the Assistant Public Works Director is and, Mr. Beetchenow replied that it is Don Abel.

City Clerk Thomas informed Council that Denise Hardy is retiring and, she has the position posted.

Councilmember Cariker asked if the Public Safety Committee could meet with Chief Christensen on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (prior to City Council). All members were available.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

  
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Connie Thomas, City Clerk

  
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Cindy Gagné, Mayor