
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2022**

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:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the May 16, 2022, meeting; claims checks numbered 107187-107263 issued, in the amount of \$268,394.86; May 2022 payroll checks numbered 107092-107094, 107160-107185 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$330,983.23; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 36-2022 – Fixing Time for the Annexation Hearing – Riverside Drive, Quince Street & Jonathan Street Area

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 36-2022. City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that the annexation is the island off Riverside Drive. The annexation came to light when the septic system failed for Department of Natural Resources property and, a request was made to connect to the city sewer system. The City received the legal description from Tim Pecha, PE PLS of BDK Engineering, LLC at the end of May. Contract Planner, Kurt Danison has prepared a cost analysis which will be provided to Council. He informed Council that a meeting was arranged with all the property owners allowing them an opportunity to review the cost analysis and ask questions. Administrator McDaniel said that two property owners attended that meeting. Because this is an unincorporated island within the city can initiate annexation. Annexation by this method allows the property owners forty-five days to do a referendum election. Administrator McDaniel explained that the zoning in this area is multifamily and highway business. As the sewer systems fail, the owners will be required to connect to the city infrastructure. The resolution fixes the time for the Annexation Hearing on Tuesday, July 5th at 7pm. The notice of hearing will be publicized for two weeks. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Park Use Request – Extended Hours of Use - OKFYRE

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the park use with extended hours for OKFYRE. Mady Sandoval of Okanogan Foundation for Youth and Resiliency and Engagement (OKFYRE) was in attendance. She informed Council that OKFYRE will once again hold the Pride in the Park event on June 24th from 5pm to 11pm. In addition to other activities that evening, they will be showing an outdoor Disney movie. Last year there were a lot of families who stayed to view the movie. The request for extended time is because they need to wait until dark to show the movie (9:15pm). Administrator McDaniel said that City Staff discussed this and thought it was a great idea. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Freel informed Council that the Community Support/Public Safety Committee met prior to the Council meeting to discuss a citizen's concern about panhandling, personnel, and a project status. He asked Administrator McDaniel to brief Council. Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that when the new bridge is constructed, the city will be responsible for moving the utility infrastructure and need to be prepared for those

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costs. The backhoe that was ordered will be delivered in October and the cost is 5.3% over the quote the city received. The Airport Reservoir project is over budget and Administrator McDaniel is working to find additional funding. The Engh Road project also came in over budget by \$259,000 and the Okanogan County Transportation Commission (OCTC) will pick up 86% of that project cost. A resolution to award will be on the June 21st agenda. Member Womack asked if committee came up with ideas to deter the panhandling. Member Foth explained there is nothing the city can do. Member Womack is concerned about the potential injuries that could result when people approach vehicles at the intersection on Highway 97. Member Cariker said the citizens giving the money should be concerned about the liability. Administrator McDaniel explained that Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC) provided blog which included a Washington Supreme Court decision about panhandling and first amendment rights and freedom of speech.

Fire Chief Bowling informed Council that the new fire truck arrived at the station if anyone is interested in viewing after the meeting. There was training on the truck last week and, they will train again on Wednesday and then put the truck into service.

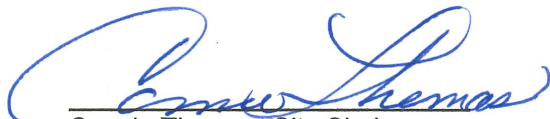
Chief of Police Christensen informed Council that his report has been provided. He explained to Council that stats are up. He said bookings through May of 2022 are 103 compared to 2019 bookings of 128 for the entire year. Officer Ryan Carnahan will be graduating from Academy on June 8th. He and Mayor Gagné will be attending the ceremony. Chief Christensen also informed Council that he has provided a conditional offer of employment to Logan Hedden. Member Freel asked about the report on commercial criminal activity and the Wal-Mart shrinkage comparison. There was discussion about camera systems at the Omak Wal-Mart store.

Assistant Public Works Director Abel reported that the sewer emergency repairs that will start on July 5th. Public Works is working with engineers on the water/sewer upgrades, Engh Road project and the Fifth Street Sidewalk project. There was a monthly crew meeting held on May 19th. Crew projects include stampede vendor row power upgrades, installation of conduit at the Omak Airport fuel area for fiber to the cardlock terminal. The crew has also been cleaning and prepping the pool for the season. The pool is at about 72 degrees. Repairs after vandalism have been made twice to the doors of the pavilion restroom and the Visitors Information Center.


Member Cariker asked Assistant Public Works Director Abel if the potholes on Central and Elm could be repaired. Mr. Abel will have his crew take care of it.

Member Gaines said noticed the new housing development off of Oak Street was full of weeds and it looks terrible. She asked Building Official Wells if there was anything he could do about that. Mr. Wells said he would reach out to Nancy Nash at the Housing Authority.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor