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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM, established a quorum and all joined in the flag salute.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

Mike 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-absent	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack	

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Gagné asked if there were any members of the audience not on the agenda who would like to address Council. Citizen Sarah Clune asked to be heard. Mayor Gagné will add her to the agenda after new business.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the July 5, 2022, meeting; 2022 claims checks numbered 107421-107485 in the amount of \$450,654.97; June manual claims checks numbered 107186, 107264-107266, 107411 & 106196-C in the amount of \$3,475.12. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 45-2022 – Approve Purchase of Ammunition

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 45-2022. Police Chief Christensen informed Council that the firearms instructor made the purchase request to ensure the ammunition supply is kept up to standards. The ammunition is used for both practice and duty and the purchase is part of the 2022 budget package. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 46-2022 – Approve Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Conconully

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 46-2022. Public Works Director Beetchenow explained to Council the agreement is to help the Town of Conconully clean their storm and sewer lines after the recent heavy rain event. He said the City of Omak has had a similar agreement in the past. Member Womack did not realize the Town of Conconully had sewer lines as he was under the impression it was septic. Mr. Beetchenow confirmed they did have sewer infrastructure in town. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Citizen Comments

Sarah Clune has come to Council as a concerned citizen. She explained to Council that she received second-hand information regarding a situation in the park during a library event involving two officers. She heard that two officers responded to the Civic League Park for a verbal altercation on June 30th. One of the men left the park while the other stayed and, this person is known to have mental issues. Ms. Clune explained that she was told officers escalated the situation and the police drew their firearms in a park full of children. She feels this was an excessive use of force and was not justified. Police Chief Christensen was unaware of this situation and it's the first he has heard of it. Mayor Gagné, City Administrator McDaniel and City Council were all unaware of the situation also. Member Womack asked to have names of the other people that were at the event that Ms. Clune heard the information from. (Chief Christensen reviewed the body camera footage immediately following the Council meeting. There were no firearms drawn at this event. Chief Christensen will do a thorough investigation and provide his report at the August 1, 2022, Council meeting).

OTHER BUSINESS:

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Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Womack informed Council the Personnel/Finance Committee met and discussed the bid for the airport reservoir. The legislative budget includes \$4,300,000 to the City of Omak for the airport reservoir project. City Administrator McDaniel thought the project would be anywhere from \$5,600,000 to 5,900,000. Committee recommends going out to bid for the project to determine what the cost will be. At that time, Council can refuse the bid or decide if they want to use the American Rescue Plan Act funds to shore up the project cost. Member Womack informed Council the city needs to spend from the legislature by 2024. City Administrator McDaniel informed Council that the Department of Natural Resource will be seeking funds from the legislature. Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Gaines to move forward with the bid process at for the airport reservoir project. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Member Womack also informed Council that the committee discussed the purchase of a backhoe that is in the 2022 budget. They discussed looking into the used prices of the backhoe and, the potential increase in revenue if surplused.

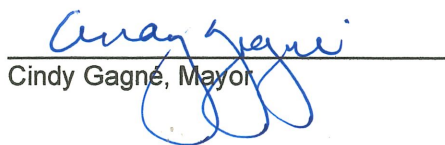
Member Freel informed Council that OCOG (Okanogan County Council of Governments) met last Monday. H deferred to City Administrator McDaniel to report on the jail fees. Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that Misty Ruiz, Brewster Clerk/Treasurer has been working with the jail, County Commissioners and the attorney to draft a contract for booking fees, the incarceration portion. Administrator McDaniel explained there has not been a contract in place for fifteen years. The biggest concern is that other agencies in contract are paying a lower rate than those in Okanogan County. They are trying to determine a flat rate and are looking at the \$76 the state pays to the county. Within the contract, cities and towns would like to include that a group be formed to discuss rates annually. Member Womack said that when the County negotiates with other agencies outside of Okanogan County, rates should be higher. Administrator explained the county doesn't have any current contracts. Administrator McDaniel will be sending out the draft contract to Council for review. It will then go back to OCOG for board approval. Administrator McDaniel informed Council said that a meeting was set with the Washington State Department of Transportation to discuss the new pedestrian bridge and bridge rehab project. WSDOT informed him that they received funding for a completely new bridge and were going out to design and pushed the project out to 2025-2026. Member Gaines asked if there was a reason, they are designing a new bridge? City Administrator McDaniel is unsure why. Administrator McDaniel informed Council the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) project for the Fifth Avenue Sidewalk project is \$74,000 over budget. There is a potential that TIB will provide additional funding in the spring. Committee recommends staff wait until spring 2023 to start the bid process. Administrator McDaniel informed Council that he will be out of the office until Monday but available on his cell phone.

Member Freel asked if anyone planned to attend the Municipal Budgeting and Fiscal Management workshop in Leavenworth. City Administrator McDaniel and Clerk Thomas usually attend.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor