
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 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	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 asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to address Council. Calvin True & Cheryl Edwards will be added to the agenda after new business. The Mayor said that received a card from Senator Judy Warnick who attended the Omak Stampede.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the August 15, 2022, meeting; claims checks numbered 107665-107737 issued, in the amount of \$838,618.22; August 2022 payroll checks numbered 107569-107571, 107641, 107643-107664 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$364,985.40; August manual checks 107566-107568 and 107642 in the amount of \$1,667.98; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 51-2022 – Fixing Time for Hearing on Petition for De-Annexation

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Resolution 51-2022. Building Official Wells explained to Council that he received petitions from property owners to exclude their agricultural land from the City of Omak. Discussion amongst staff is that it makes sense as there are no means to provide utilities to the parcels. This Resolution will set the hearing to hear the petition. As there was no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 52-2022 – Approving the Purchase of Sewer Pumps for the Dewberry Lift Station

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 52-2022. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council the pumps at the Dewberry Lift Station have failed. They are obsolete and unable to be repaired. This purchase will get the lift station running again. The quoted purchase price for the pumps are \$11,500 and is funded within the 2022 budget. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion

Resolution 53-2022 – Approving the Purchase of a Fleet Pickup

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 53-2022. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council the city needs to reorder the pickup that was ordered this past February. The city was notified that Ford is stopping production of the 2022 model year F150 pickups. The city was given until August 18, 2022, to resubmit the order for a 2023 model year pickup. The purchase price increased from \$41,066 to \$49887. This resolution would allow public works to re-order the fleet pickup through the Washington State Purchasing Co-Op. This is replacing #271 that was transferred to the police department earlier this year. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion

Discussion – Pre-Budget Objectives

City Administrator McDaniel advised Council the "Call to Budget" was given to staff and ultimately, Council will be presented with a Mayor's Budget. He wanted to know what Council wanted to see within the document. He advised Council that he reviewed the Capital Facilities Plan and the capital projects and purchases outlined in it. Administrator informed council of the several projects, purchases, and positions that

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staff is looking to include in the 2023 budget. Member Cariker reminded staff that additional personnel might include vehicle purchases. She also shared that a timeline and a five-year plan would be good to have. City Administrator reminded Council that the budget layout has changed over the years and if Council has any specific items, they want staff to include for example, charts and graphs let him know. Member Gaines asked to include a list of outstanding debt with the date they will be paid off.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Calvin and Laurie True, residents on Dewberry; addressed Council and voiced concerns about the ongoing water line project on Dewberry that is impacting the driving in that area. Mr. True brought up issues concerning crime in that same area. Public Works Director Beetchenow advised that he will speak with the contractor to find out a completion date. Chief of Police Christensen concurred with the ongoing crime and provide Mr. True with his department report that included statistical information.

Cheryl Edwards, a resident on Juniper, addressed Council to seek information about rumors circulating over people (homeless) being bussed into Omak from outside areas. She is doing some fact-checking. She also spoke about her concern with homeless and was looking for feedback and assistance to draft a letter of support to the Legislators. Staff and Council advised they had no information on individuals being bussed in, other than farm labor and those with H2A programs. Ms. Edwards was provided names of local organizations who may have additional information and resources to assist her.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Womack informed Council the Personnel/Finance Committee will meet after the Council meeting to discuss cameras with the Chief Christensen.

Building Official Wells said he received an application for a Final Approval of Sagelands Phase 3 Development. Last year, preliminary approval was approved by City Council. The Public Hearing will be scheduled in October. He also received an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the Omak Hotel. The applicant is looking to create overnight rentals like an Airbnb. This application will be reviewed by the Hearing Examiner. Member Cariker recalled that several years back, there was discussion about Airbnb's within the city. Building Official Wells explained that similar uses in the residential district require a CUP. A hearing will be held to allow for public comment and the hearing examiner will make the final decision whether to approve, approve with conditions or deny the application.

Fire Chief Bowling reminded everyone to attend the Okanogan County Fair and purchase ice cream from the Omak Volunteer Firefighters.

Police Chief Christensen provided his monthly report to Council and staff.

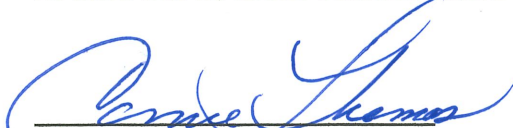
Public Works Director Beetchenow provided his monthly report. He explained the emergency sewer repairs have been completed but they found a section of line under the railroad track is in rough shape.

Member Foth thanked the citizen's for attending and bringing their concerns to Council. He also agreed with Nattalie about a five-year budget plan.

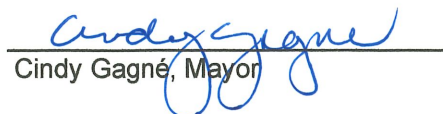
Member Cariker also thanked the citizens for attending and bringing things to the table she was unaware of.

Member Freel informed Council that there are various organizations trying to combat the homeless issues. He thought the city could reach out and get comments from those groups as to what the city can do to support the efforts and come up with a grand plan.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor