
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 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	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's Calvin True and Leon Hoover asked to be heard. Mayor Gagné will add her to the agenda after new business.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Affirm Appointment of Betsy Rainsford to the Omak Library Board

Mayor Gagné asked Council to affirm the appointment of Betsy Rainsford to the Omak Library Board. Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve the appointment. As there was no discussion or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the September 6, 2022, meeting; 2022 claims checks numbered 107742-107797 in the amount of \$492,571.93. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 54-2022 – Approve Professional Service Agreement for Camp Host-Winter Season

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 54-2022. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council that Public Works would like to keep the camp host at the Carl Precht Memorial RV Park during the winter season. The camp host will receive a campsite and utilities in turn for her duties. Member Gaines told Council the Personnel/Finance Committee met and recommend approval. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 55-2022 – Approve a Professional Service Agreement with Northwest Solutions for Lobbyist and Government Relations Services

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 55-2022. City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council the professional services agreement with Marah Machulsky (Northwest Solutions) expired. As most city contracts renew end of year, the agreement term is for eighteen months and will expire at the end of 2023. He said that Mara Machulsky was instrumental in securing the \$4.3 million dollars for the airport reservoir and supports Omak well. Member Womack commented that, the legislative sessions begin in January, and he wondered if that was enough time to react on a contract renewal. City Administrator said, the city could negotiate earlier and thanked Member Womack for the comment. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

FYRE (Foundation for Youth Resiliency & Engagement)

Mady Sandoval, Michelle Sandoval and Leeanne Montoya of FYRE were in attendance to give a power point presentation about their organization. FYRE opened in October 2020 and has served over 750 unduplicated young people. FYRE is considered a trailblazing organization across the state. They offer support for the whole person. They connect young people with direct services in the way of education, housing, health, employment, food, transportation and other services. FYRE offers a recreation space for an after-school hang-

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out space, academic support, free food, life skill workshops and events. They invited Council to tour on October 3rd at 6pm.

Okanogan County Economic Alliance – Retail Academy Program

Roni Holder-Diefenbach, Executive Director of Economic Alliance was in attendance to share information about a new program called, Retail Strategy Academy. The Okanogan County Commissioners feel the academy is an important project. The County utilized ARPA funds to make the program available so that every community and tribe can participate. Representatives from each community are invited to participate. Each representative will receive six hours of customized training to learn how to attract new business to your market. The Workshop will be held on Thursday, October 17th from 9am – 3pm at the 12 Tribes Casino Hotel.

Citizen Comments

Calvin True, resident on Dewberry; addressed Council and again voiced concerns about the water line project on Dewberry and asked about a completion date. Public Works Director Beetchenow updated Mr. True on the project timeline.

Leon Hoover, Omak Stampede President informed Council that the Omak Stampede has not held a Queen's Pageant since 2009. There are currently four applicants and, the pageant will be held Sunday, October 2nd. Horsemanship will take place in the Stampede Arena at 10 a.m. and, Maria Lassila has offered the Omak Theater for the Queen's Pageant. The pageant will begin at 4:30 p.m. and, he invited all to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Freel informed Council that OCOG (Okanogan Council of Governments) met last Monday and adopted the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program and approved the 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. He offered to forward those plans to Councilmembers. OCOG also heard updated from WSDOT. He asked about the bridge for Omak and understood that it is fully funded by the state, but there is no timeline as to when the project will begin. There may also be federal funding available to cover the cost of moving city utilities.

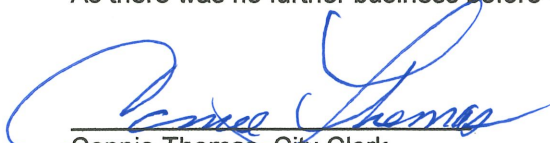
City Administrator McDaniel informed Council that Department Heads submitted their requests for budget on time. At the next Council meeting, he will be asking Council for a decision to proceed or not on the airport water reservoir project. The Personnel/Finance Committee recommend staff go out to bid on the project. The bids for the project could be as high as \$5.9 million. Senator Shelley Short would like the city to have a firm bid number for the request in the 2023 state budget. Mrs. Holder-Diefenbach suggested staff look into the CARB (Community Aviation Revitalization Board) loan program for funding. Administrator McDaniel informed Council that city revenues look good, and the departments have identified needs for 2023.

Member Cariker asked about the timeline for striping the streets that were recently chip sealed. Public Works Director Beetchenow said WSDOT will do the striping and is scheduled for this week.

Member Freel asked for an update on the Engh Road project. Public Works Director Beetchenow explained there may be a delay in getting the parts.

Member Clark asked if the Fall Clean-Up has been scheduled. City Clerk Thomas informed Council that the Fall Clean-Up event will be the first Saturday in November which falls on the 5th. Sunrise and the City agreed to the first Saturday in November for the upcoming years. Information will go out in the city newsletter.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor