
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM and established a quorum 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	Rochelle Danielson, Co-Responder/CORE Specialist

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Gagné informed Council that item number one will be struck from the agenda.

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the December 19, 2022, meeting; 2022 claims checks numbered 108301-108340, in the amount of \$69,689.52; January 2023 claims checks numbered 108341-108363, in the amount of \$131,801.22; December 2022 payroll checks numbered 108203-108207, 108278-108300 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$346,713.12; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 01-2023 - Approve the North Central Accountable Community Health Grant

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 01-2023. Police Chief Christensen informed Council the applied and were selected to receive a community grant through North Central Accountable Community Health (NCACH). This grant amount is \$615,000 over two years and will further enhance the CORE program. The grant will fund two positions, training, overtime for officers a vehicle and other operations. Rochelle Danielson, Co-Responder/CORE Specialist explained to Council that this is an exciting opportunity to grow the Co-Responder program. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 02-2023 - Approve Professional Service Agreement with Pacific Security

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 02-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council the contract with Pacific Security is the same as it was in 2022. Member Foth asked if the company was still providing reports. Mr. Beetchenow confirmed reports are submitted daily. As there was no further discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 03-2023 - Approve the 2023 Fee Schedule for the City of Omak

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Resolution 03-2023. City Administrator McDaniel informed Council this is the annual update for city fees. The changes to the fees are in red. The Personnel/Finance Committee have met and reviewed the fee schedule. The increases were made to the RV Park fees and swimming pool admissions. The city utility's are increased by eight percent with the exception of the sewer rates which increased by four percent. There were other housekeeping changes for public record fees. There was discussion about some individual fees. Member Gaines expressed her concern about raising the RV Park rents so high and she is against the increase for pool admissions. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted with six member voting yea and Member Gaines voting nay. The motion carried.

Ordinance 1921 – Approving the 2023 Non-Union Salary Schedule

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Ordinance 1921. City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council the annual salary schedule for Non-Union employees includes a six percent increase for most job positions. The CORE Program has an additional increase which is covered by the continued grant funding. The Washington State minimum wage increased 8.6% and is paid to seasonal pool employees. The Pool Manager and Pool Supervisor positions were increased by the same percentage. An

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increase was made to the seasonal park position bringing it to \$20 an hour. During the budget discussions, the stipend for the volunteer firefighters was increased by \$5 for training and calls. Administrator McDaniel also explained to Council the longevity was increased to \$10 per year. When an employee completes five, ten, fifteen and twenty years of service longevity is added to their salary accordingly. At this time there is no contract with the Public Works Union. Member Gaines asked if there were comparable used for the CORE Program positions. Administrator McDaniel explained that Chief Christensen and Mrs. Danielson sought out that information as part of the grant application. Mrs. Danielson addressed Council with the information she collected from local and state co-responder programs that were posted. The position with the Omak Police Department does have some risk and the salary takes that into account. Chief Christensen explained to Council how the grant can support law enforcement and other agencies but for now, the program is primarily Omak. Chief Christensen informed Council that he provided an abstract of the program to both the Okanogan County Sheriff and the Colville Tribal Police Chief, Steve Brown. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

City Administrator McDaniel suggested the Personnel/Finance Committee to schedule a time to meet. Councilmember Womack asked if the committee could meet tonight after the Council meeting. All agreed.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor