
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 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	Jeremy Patrick, 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, CORE Program Manager

PUBLIC HEARING:

Shoreline Master Program

Mayor Gagné opened the public hearing at 7:01pm. Contract Planner, Kurt Danison presented via Zoom and shared his screen. He briefly reviewed the periodic review checklist that is used to conduct the SMP review. He explained that every seven years the document is updated to keep in compliance with the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and Revised Code of Washington (RCW's). The update is funded with a grant through the Washington State Department of Ecology. Mr. Danison reviewed with Council the updates made to the Shoreline Master Program. He said that chapter 18.21 of the Omak Municipal Code is where most of the changes are. The only significant change is eliminating docks on the river as the river does not lend to something like that. Member Freel clarified that it was just permanent docks as there are temporary docks on the river. Mr. Danison confirmed it was and he said floats are aloud just not an overwater structure. Member Gaines said that she saw that a new floodway map is coming out and there are drafts on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website. Mr. Danison said the city staff is working to gather information that confirms to FEMA the levy is certified and the adoption of the floodway map will be adopted sometime in the fall of 2024. Mr. Danison informed Council about the SMP adoption process. He explained the agenda includes a resolution of an intent to adopt the Shoreline Master Program. SEPA has been done along with a public hearing held by the Omak Planning Commission and the Omak City Council and there were no comments. After submitting the SMP to the Department of Ecology for review and approval, Council will vote to approve a resolution to adopt the Shoreline Master Program and an ordinance that will update the changes in the Omak Municipal Code. After the City Council adopts the document, it becomes state law.

Mayor Gagné asked if there was any further testimony. As there was none, she closed the public hearing at 7:16pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the April 17, 2023, meeting; 2023 claims checks numbered 108797-108853, in the amount of \$1,231,691.10; March 2023 payroll checks numbered 108698-108701, 108703-108796 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$389,174.31; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Request for a Fireworks Permit – J&M Liquidations, LLC

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Foth to approve a Fireworks Permit for J&M Liquidations, LLC. Fire Chief, Patrick informed Council that J&M Liquidations, LLC is requesting a firework permit to sell fireworks in the Burger King parking lot as they do every year. The sales will be from June 28, 2023, to July 5, 2023. There was no discussion or comments, Council voted and unanimously approve the motion.

Resolution 46-2023 – Approve Purchase of a Portable Heater for the Sewer Treatment Plant

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 46-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed the Council that a diesel portable heater for the sewer treatment plant was included in the 2023 Budget. Three quotes were received, and the lowest responsive quote was from Tool

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Fetch in the amount of \$6,541.09. There was no discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 47-2023 – Approved Public Works Contract – Infinite Optical Communications, LLC

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 47-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed the Council the Public Works Contract with Infinite Optical Communications, LLC will allow them to install the Verkada Camera's. Mr. Beetchenow explained the cameras were purchased in 2022 and he intended for Public Works employees to do the installation. He is unable to have employees complete the installation. Member Gaines informed the Council the Personnel/Finance Committee met and recommend approval of this contract. The cost of installation will be spread amongst funds in the 2023 budget. There were no questions or discussion or comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 48-2023 - Approve Labor Agreement with Public Works Employees

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 48-2023. City Administrator McDaniel informed the Council that the agreement with the Public Works Bargaining is finalized. During the process, the Personnel/Finance Committee, Mayor Gagné and labor attorneys were involved extensively. The memo provided with the resolution outlines what is within the agreement. Mr. McDaniel will answer any questions that the Council has. Member Womack informed Council the Personnel/Finance Committee met several times to discuss the labor agreement. They recommend approval. Member Freel asked what changes were made because of mediation. Administrator McDaniel explained that it was the 4/10 work schedule, tool allowance, wages and a boot allowance. But the biggest was the 4/10 work schedule. As there were no further questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 49-2023 - Approve Intent to Adopt the Shoreline Master Program

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 49-2023. City Administrator McDaniel informed the Council that Mr. Danison explained this resolution during the public hearing portion of the meeting. Approval of this resolution will move the Shoreline Master Program onto the Washington State Department of Ecology (D.O.E) for review. After review by D.O.E, the document will come back to Council for final adoption. As there was no discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 50-2023 – Authorize Amendment #2 with CARELON Behavioral Health, Inc.

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 50-2023. Police Chief Christensen explained to Council this amendment changes the contract language for our grant funding, reimbursement, and operations. This is the continuation of the Beacon Health Grant, which is now CARELON Behavioral Health, Inc. This amendment also extends the grant through June 30, 2023. As there was no discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Gaines informed Council the Personnel/Finance Committee met prior to the meeting this evening. During the budget workshops there was discussion about increasing the wage for mayor and council. This item will be on the next meeting agenda. The committee also discussed all the City of Omak becoming a part of the Okanogan County Conservation District. City Administrator McDaniel explained that only the east side of Omak is included in the Conservation District boundaries. He said they have been good partners and have helped with chipping programs, they are in the Omak Schools educating youth and fire education. He has invited Craig Nelson of the Conservation District to the next Council Meeting. Member Freel asked if there was a tax fee. Mr. McDaniel said it would be fee of \$5,250 a year.

Building Official Wells thanked Mayor Gagné for coming out and supporting the Omak Baseball Team at the horseshoe tournament. It was a successful event.

Fire Chief Patrick said he is busy with fire calls and the department has responded to thirty-six calls in April. They are also working on a new training schedule.


City Administrator McDaniel said he has provided Council with a copy of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds report. These funds were spent on general government services and have been rolled into the Current Expense funds.

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Member Gaines said she read in a report issued by the Washington State Department of Transportation that striping of the road is scheduled at Engh Road & Highway 97 on May 3rd.

Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager informed Council that during the month of May, they held a Pickle Ball with the Police event along with a silent auction to support Okanogan Angels. Over \$1,500 was raised and they have a great partnership with Code Enforcement Officer, Josiah Lamb. The Omak Police Department and CORE attended a field trip about safety with students from North Omak School. Mrs. Danielson updated the Council on the Community Committee Meeting. The committee met last week, and it was not a big group. She has sent out information to all and would like to make sure all the information is used, and the feedback is intentional.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor