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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 5, 2023**

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**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 - <b>absent</b>
Dave Womack	Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Freel, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the May 15, 2023, meeting; 2023 claims checks numbered 109135-109216, in the amount of \$1,351,438.23; May 2023 payroll checks numbered 109016-109018, 109110-109134 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$432,039.21; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Gary Headlee and Shirley Kuchta – Omak Citizens**

Citizens Gary Headlee and wife Shirley Kuchta were in attendance. They expressed concerns to the City Council about a container near the old Omak Hotel on Bartlett that obstructs views of traffic. They asked about mosquito control, vacation of the alley near 601 Ironwood and traffic control at the corner of Ironwood and Grape Street. There was discussion about installation of stop signs at that intersection. Councilmembers decided to refer the concern to the Public Safety Committee to look at options. Member Cariker suggested the Public Safety Committee meet after Council this evening.

**Approve a Request for Park Use Extended Hours for FYRE (Foundation for Youth Resiliency & Engagement)**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the use and extended hours in the Civic League Park. City Clerk Thomas explained that FYRE has held this event at least three years in a row. They show a movie at this event and need the hours of darkness. There was no discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 56-2023 – Approved Emergency Land Use Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 56-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed the Council the land use agreement is for portions of Eastside Park for Emergency Fire Camps. The agreement was updated from past years with the Type 2 Base Camp being divided into two separate areas to accommodate RVSC (River Valley Soccer Club) and other park uses. If the entire park is needed, he will coordinate with the scheduled park users. There were no questions or comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 57-2023 – Approve Striping Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Resolution 57-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed the Council this was the annual agreement with WSDOT to stripe the city streets for 2023. The estimated cost for this service is \$14,600 and is included in the 2023 budget. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 58-2023 - Approve Purchase from Wrap Technologies**

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 58-2023. Police Chief Christensen informed the Council the purchase of the Bola Wraps will enhance less lethal options on force engagements. These items will provide alternatives to the use of force that has been mandated by the Washington State Legislature. Chief Christensen informed the Council that Officer Schaeffer is a certified

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instructor along with Officer Shrable. This purchase was included in the 2023 Budget. As there was no discussion or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 59-2023 – Approve Amendment No. 2 with Gray & Osborne**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 59-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow explained to Council the design of the Julia Maley Park Well Treatment Facility was taken to Committee on two separate occasions. The Committee asked about lowering the tank into the ground to reduce the height in the residential area. Councilmembers expressed concerns about the cost of the geotechnical engineering services and if it was a good use of the funds. There was discussion about resizing the tank versus sinking it into the ground. Council asked about tabling the item to further discuss options. Administrator McDaniel explained in order to stay on schedule with the Department of Health, the design process needed to move forward. The Council voted and all members voted nay, the motion failed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Committee/Staff Reports:**


Member Clark informed Council that SWAC met and will be sending to the City of Omak an Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal. He also learned by the end of July, cell one and two of the Okanogan County Landfill will close. The County will have two cells open and a backup.


City Administrator McDaniel informed the Council the annual report was filed timely, and he thanked Member Gaines for her review and comments.

Member Womack clarified the next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> due to the observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

CORE Program Manager Danielson informed the Council about a second Community Workshop which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7pm. The Workshop will be held at the Omak Middle School Multipurpose Room.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

  
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Connie Thomas, City Clerk

  
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Cindy Gagné, Mayor