
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2023**

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	Jeremy Patrick, 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	Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager/Outreach Specialist

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Gagné welcomed Brian Ellis, Omak Chamber President. Mr. Ellis was in attendance to share an award received from The Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Mr. Ellis informed Council that he and along with the Omak Chamber of Commerce has worked with Girl Scout Leader Stephanie Bedard for years to help girls earn badges and patches in efforts to achieve the highest award as a Girl Scout. The Omak Chamber recognizes that these girls are future business owners and leaders. Ms. Bedard nominated the Omak Chamber of Commerce for the Community Award and, they were the award recipient. Mr. Ellis read the letter that accompanied the award. He also updated Council on the Omak Chamber. Currently, there are seven members on a twelve-member board. They are moving forward. He explained the Stampede parade is no longer a Chamber Event and Omak Stampede, Inc. has taken that back. Entries for the parade are good.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2024-2029

Mayor Gagné opened the public hearing for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at 7:07pm. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed the Council the program has been updated to include sidewalk projects to provide connectivity and ADA ramps. Member Louie noted the SR 155 Bridge Replacement was included in the STIP. He asked if there has been any progress on this project. Mr. Beetchenow has not received any updates. Mayor Gagné closed the public hearing at 7:08pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the June 5, 2023, meeting; 2023 claims checks numbered 109229-109282 in the amount of \$505,105.68; 2023 May manual checks numbered 109010-109012, 109014, 109107-109109 in the amount of \$4,373.29. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 60-2023 – Approve Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2024-2029

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 60-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow didn't have any additional information to share. Member Gaines asked about the timing of the 2024 Pedestrian improvements at Quince and Riverside Drive and the 2025 Quince Roundabout. Public Works Director Beetchenow explained the "Phase Start Year" of the projects are not pinned down. Ideally the roundabout will be done by WSDOT with pedestrian improvements to follow. Member Gaines liked seeing the Jonathan Street Improvements. She also asked if the city had acquired right-of-way from Quince to Shumway and, Mr. Beetchenow said we have not acquired it all. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Foth informed Council the Public Safety Committee met immediately following the last Council meeting to discuss the traffic concerns at Ironwood and Grape. He deferred to Public Works Director Beetchenow for an update. Mr. Beetchenow informed Council that he printed maps that were provided by the engineers. The map included squaring up the intersection and installing stop signs. He would like to have a discussion with the Public Safety Committee when they are available.

Building Official Wells informed the Council that a Public Hearing will be held June 28th at 10am to hear a Conditional Use Permit Application for the property at 715 Locust Street.

Public Works Director Beetchenow informed Council that he and Assistant Public Works Director Abel set out traffic cones at the Omache and Riverside Drive intersection to help citizens understand the new traffic revisions.

CORE Manager Danielson informed Council that she and Officer Pennycooke attended the fourth annual Co-Responder Conference in Spokane. There were over six hundred attendees and there were multiple sessions. She said it was a great opportunity to connect and network.

Member Clark asked if the Omak Chamber was responsible for hanging the High School Senior flags. Mr. Ellis said the parents of the senior class were responsible for that. Member Clark liked the honoring of students.


Member Cariker thanked Public Works for setting out the traffic cones at Riverside Drive and Omache.

CORE Manager Danielson informed Council that Omak was recognized at the Co-Responder Conference because we are a small rural program. She was recognized nationally and awarded a t-shirt in front of the six hundred participants.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor