
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 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	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 - absent
Dave Womack - absent	Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Gagné asked if there was anyone in attendance that is not on the agenda that would like to address the Council. Omak Supervising Librarian, Alyssa Cruz-Uribe raised her hand. Mayor Gagné added her at the end of "New Business."

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gagné informed the Council that she received three emails one from a resident requesting to maintain and secure city property the other was from a north end business concerned about the continued crime and the other was a request for a cooling station. Mayor Gagné asked that the Public Safety Committee schedule a meeting to discuss these concerns. The meeting was set for Monday, July 17th at 6pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the June 20, 2023, meeting; 2023 claims checks numbered 109308-109363, in the amount of \$602,405.70; June 2023 payroll checks numbered 109222-109226, 109284-109307 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$401,804.56; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Interim Police Sergeant – Shane Schaefer

Chief of Police Christensen informed the Council that Officer Schaefer will be appointed Sergeant for three months. He thanked Officer Schaefer for stepping up. Chief Christensen administered the Oath of Office to Officer Schaefer. Mayor Gagné said it was nice to see everyone come out to support Officer Schaefer.

Resolution 61-2023 – Reimbursable Agreement with Okanogan County

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 61-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow informed the Council the reimbursable agreement with Okanogan County is for labor, equipment, and materials for the 2023 Chip Seal project. The project is funded through the Transportation Improvement Board and is included in the 2023 budget. There were no questions or comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 62-2023 – Interlocal Agreement with Okanogan County Solid Waste

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Resolution 62-2023. City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council by agreement, Okanogan County partners with the city for sustainable disposal of solid waste. Every five years, the Okanogan County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan is updated. The only change was to recognize and allow commercial garbage transport outside Okanogan County. Administrator McDaniel has talked with Member Clark who has a seat on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and, he recommended approval. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Alyssa Cruz-Uribe, Omak Supervising Librarian

Mrs. Cruz-Uribe informed the Council that she was promoted to the Northern Regional Manager for Okanogan and Ferry County. She will start this new position on July 16, 2023. Applications are open to the

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public for her current position as Supervising Librarian. In the interim, Melissa Little, Area Manager will supervise in the interim. Mrs. Cruz-Uribe informed the Council that on July 8th, the Omak Library will be hosting "Own Your Voice Workshop" gathering local artist to celebrate art. Mrs. Cruz-Uribe shared the Omak Library which can be used as a cooling and heating center during their hours of operation. The library is not an official cooling or heating station until the County calls to affirm the official designation which they do when needed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Gaines informed Council that the Personnel/Finance Committee met to discuss a budget amendment that will be on the next council agenda. She said revenues have increased and will be recognized in the amendment.

Fire Chief Jeremy Patrick informed Council the City burn ban went into effect on Saturday, July 1, 2023. He told everyone to have a safe Fourth of July.

Police Chief Christensen informed the Council that he ordered four hundred and eighty Rubik's Cubes. Family, Youth, and System Partner Round Table (FYSPRT) extended grant funding in the amount of \$1,000 for this purchase.

Public Works Director Beetchenow informed the Council his crew set up traffic control at the intersection of Omache and Riverside Drive. They also placed stops signs at the intersection of Grape Street and Ironwood.

CORE Manager Danielson informed the Council that Carelon Behavioral Health is granting the CORE Program another \$23,000 to cover two months of program salary & benefits and the event tent. They held the Summer Safety Kickoff on June 24th. During the event, they gave out twenty-five bike helmets that were donated by Lifeline Ambulance and Omak Family Health Centers. Mrs. Danielson submitted a grant last Friday to build a new program called "Team One." If funded, this position will engage with Omak businesses, schools, neighborhoods and engage in youth prevention. She will find out in two weeks if Omak will receive the grant award.

Member Foth clarified the meeting agenda for the Public Safety Committee and confirmed they will meet on Monday, July 17 at 6pm.

Member Cariker said it was great to see the Police Department social media outreach to the community.

Member Gaines liked the traffic control at Omache and Riverside Drive. She also expressed concern about those citizens that may need a cooling station. She knows there are resources in our community to help.

Mayor Gagné asked that Public Works Director Beetchenow, Police Chief Christensen and CORE Manager Danielson attend the Public Safety Committee meeting on July 17, 2023.

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



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor