
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 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 recognized there were no citizens in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the July 3, 2023, meeting; 2023 claims checks numbered 109367 was voided and 109374-109440 were issued in the amount of \$1,402,781.35; 2023 June manual checks numbered 109217-109221, 109227, 109228, 109283 and 109365 in the amount of \$6,822.05. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 63-2023 – Approve Change Order No. 3 – Engh Rd-SR 215/US 97 Project

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 63-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow explained to Council Change Order No. 3 was originally paid through minor changes in the contract. Washington State Department of Transportation had recommended the work be shown as a change order to the project. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 64-2023 – Submit a 0.1% Sales Tax Increase to the Voters

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 63-2023. City Administrator McDaniel informed Council the resolution includes what the Okangoan County Auditor needs for the people and the general election. The Personnel/Finance Committee met prior to this Council meeting to discuss how this comes onto the ballot. Administrator McDaniel has talked with a consultant to help with the process, facts and outreach. The voters pamphlet will include arguments for and against. Administrator McDaniel informed Council that he has been talking to the public and there is interest in the tax passing. Council Member Womack had concern about the wording of the measure. City Administrator McDaniel will reach out to City Attorney Howe for suggestions. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Ordinance No. 1926 – 1st Read – Approve Budget Amendment – Various Funds

City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council that he met with the Personnel/Finance committee prior to the last Council meeting. They reviewed the budget amendment at that time with the exception of the water fund which, increased revenue from the Department of Natural Resources for the airport reservoir project. He explained that most of the amendments were because of projects carrying over from 2022 or projects that have matching funds from the Transportation Improvement Board or the Federal Aviation Administration. This amendment will clean up items that were approved and discussed by Council. Because this is a first read, Council has time to ask questions. He understands there is a lot going on in this document.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Foth informed Council that the Public Safety Committee met prior to the Council meeting tonight. They discussed fencing the Kenwood Well property and plan to visit the location. They also discussed

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the crime in downtown Omak, park vandalism and the library as a cooling center. Member Womack said as an additional sidebar they discussed shortening the park restroom hours to minimize vandalism. There was further discussion.

Public Works Director Beetchenow included in his staff report the hours spent picking up trash around town. Member Clark informed the Council that his neighbor spends a lot of time picking up trash in our parks. He suggested presenting him with a certificate to show appreciation.

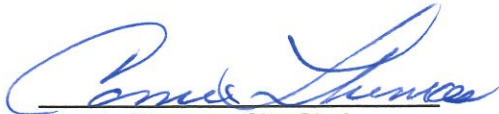
City Administrator McDaniel informed Council that Mayor Gagné received an Engagement Letter from the Washington State Auditors. They will be conducting a Federal Single Audit and Financial Statement Audit in mid-August.

Member Louie informed Council that he is going to Korea and will not be attending the next Council meeting.

Member Clark commended Building Official Wells and Chief Christensen for helping deal with the squatters living in the vacant homes in his neighborhood.

Member Gaines said she saw a report from the Okanogan County Council of Governments (OCCOG) regarding ideas to occupy the empty business buildings downtown. She thought it was information from Economic Alliance. She thought this was something Omak should look at for the future. Member Freel said Economic Alliance conducted a lengthy presentation to the OCCOG and he will forward those meeting minutes to all. He also informed that Economic Alliance is working on the final Abandoned Building/Vacant Lot recommendations for Okanogan County.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor