
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 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 asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to be on the agenda. Ronnie Jackson asked to speak about the Skatepark project and Mayor Gagné noted that.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gagné said that we made it through another Stampede Weekend. It was super busy, and she thanked all of those who volunteered. She had the opportunity to meet Hilary Franz, the Commissioner of Public Lands at the airport. Mayor Gagné said that she looks forward to an update from the Stampede Association on their event.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the August 7, 2023, meeting; 2023 claims checks numbered 109575-109637 were issued in the amount of \$404,818.95; 2023 July manual checks numbered 109364, 109366-109370 and 109441-109445 in the amount of \$50,585.44. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 66-2023 – Approve Purchase Agreement with Dell Technologies

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 66-2023. Police Chief Christensen informed the Council the purchase is to maintain the replacement schedule of five years that Vision Municipal Solutions has recommended. These are ruggedized tablets to be used in patrol vehicles. This expense is included in the 2023 budget. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 67-2023 – Approve Sole Source Purchase Agreement with LexisNexis

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 67-2023. Police Chief Christensen informed Council that he would like to invest into technology to reduce the call load per officer. The LexisNexis DORS Desk Officer Reporting System would move calls to self-reporting. Citizens could self-report things like loss prevention at businesses, private property collisions and loss. This investment will allow more proactive policing. Member Womack asked about the terms of the contract. Chief Christensen explained it's a year to year and can end at any time. There was further discussion about how the reporting system would work. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 68-2023 – Approve Agreements with Cascade Columbia River Railroad

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 68-2023. City Administrator McDaniel explained to Council about the ongoing development on the old mill site. The new development requires upsizing a water main for additional fire flow. The water main will be upsized at the Eighth Street railroad crossing. This Resolution includes two agreements. One agreement amends the 1978 original agreement, and the second agreement recognizes the installation. Member Womack asked about the costs and who would be responsible. Administrator McDaniel explained the system belongs to the city and

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some costs would be incurred by the city and some passed to the developer. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 69-2023 – Approve Interagency Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Freel, to approve Resolution 69-2023. City Administrator McDaniel informed Council this is an agreement with our partner, the Department of Natural Resources. This is the 1.5 million reimbursable costs to complete the airport water improvements. The water reservoir should be complete by Thanksgiving. He said that Senator Shelly Short, State Representatives Jacquelin Maycumber and Joel Kretz helped the city fund this project and it's exciting. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 70-2023 – Approve Agreement between Sunrise Disposal, Inc and SunOpta

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 70-2023. City Administrator McDaniel reminded Council they amended the code to allow customers to haul waste outside the County. The city also amended the agreement with Okanogan County Solid Waste Management to facilitate this request. Sunrise Disposal and SunOpta have negotiated the terms and rates for this service. Once approved, the city will add these rates to our fee schedule. City Attorney Howe has reviewed the agreement and found it adequate. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 71-2023 – Approve Award of Contract for the Omak Skatepark Project

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 71-2023. Public Works Director Beetchenow reminded Council the skatepark project has been ongoing for some time. The city received a grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) in the amount of \$418,465. Bids were advertised and opened on August 16th. The city received a single bid from Grindline Skateparks, Inc. in the amount of \$518,948.17. To complete this project the council would need to allocate \$165,000. Administrator McDaniel informed Council this project was discussed with the personnel/finance committee. Member Gaines said the committee did meet and recommends approval. She explained because the original skatepark was constructed with RCO funding, the city must keep a skatepark in perpetuity. Citizen Eugene Richter was in attendance and shared that a lot of people have been supporting this project for years. He understands the expense but realizes the kids in our community need a place to go and be free. He shared that donations were made by young kids and those funds raised have been given to the city. Mayor Gagné informed Council that Mr. Richter was involved with Ruth Parman years ago when the original skatepark was built. Mr. Richter has a personal connection with this skatepark.

Mayor Gagné welcomed questions and comments from Ms. Jackson. Ms. Jackson expressed concerns about the current skatepark that is dilapidated. She would like to see the city funds put into parks and public safety.

Mr. Richter explained the current skatepark was constructed of wood and the new one is concrete. It will require no maintenance except for the surrounding park area. Mr. Richter also shared that he repaired the existing skatepark out of his own pocket knowing the wood would not last. He understands it's important for the kids. Member Womack asked where the funding would come from. Administrator McDaniel explained the estimated ending fund balance would be 2.6 million dollars. Which includes some CARES Act funds from 2022. Member Cariker is in complete support of this project as the city has been working on it for years. It will give more things for the youth in our community. Additionally, the committee talked about using the existing slab for a pickle ball court and repurposing the sod from the project site. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Freel informed Council that OCCOG met last Monday. He will forward the minutes to Council when he receives them. He said OCCOG took action and approved additional Transportation Alternative Program Funds for the Town of Winthrop's Riverwalk Trail Chewuch Undercrossing.

Member Gaines shared that the Personnel/Finance Committee met and discussed the Skatepark project.

Police Chief Christensen thanked the Colville Confederated Tribes Police Department for helping with the Omak Stampede and having a presence. All in fun... he also informed Council that he solve a thirty year old

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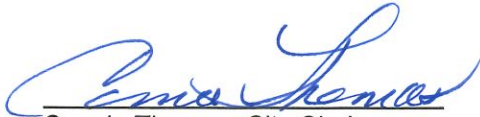
cold case. JJ Harrison admitted to burning the OK in the Okanogan Football field. He will be issuing an arrest warrant and encourage the public to post bond at the 2024 Stampede. He shared his department saw a forty percent increase in the call load and they put emphasis on traffic.

Member Clark thanked all departments for boarding up the vacant home in his neighborhood thus ridding the home of squatters.

Member Foth asked about the RV that is on Quince Street. Chief Christensen will look into it.

Administrator McDaniel informed Council the Clerk's "Call to Budget" went out to department heads today. He will ensure the budget timeline is out to everyone. If any Councilmembers have items that are important for the budget, there is time to get that information out to the Department heads or have that discussion.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor