
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 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. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the September 5, 2023, meeting; 2023 claims checks numbered 109718-109784 were issued in the amount of \$707,177.16; 2023 August manual checks numbered 109472-109473, 109566, 109567 (voided), 109568-109570 and 109663 in the amount of \$1,993.38. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Maurice Goodall, Director of Okanogan County Emergency Management

Mr. Goodall introduced himself to Council. He apologized for not attending the last meeting as his assistance was needed at the Okanogan County Fair. Director Goodall explained the City of Omak pays to be a part of Okanogan County Emergency Management. Emergency Management works out of the largest entity which is the County. He answers to, the County Commissioners and the Mayors of each town and city. He said that, currently Mayor Gagné is reviewing the Emergency Management plans. The mission of Emergency Management is to respond to, recover from, and mitigate any emergency or disaster that affects Okanogan County, it's cities, and towns. He works with all Public Works Directors, County Sherriff, City Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs. He informed Council the operating budget is funded by the cities and towns and, grant funds pay for the notification system. He recapped significant emergency events in 2022 and 2023. He encouraged city staff to reach out and work with Emergency Management. Police Chief Christensen informed Director Goodall that the city is working with the Omak Stampede on safety planning. Mayor Gagné said that Maurice is a good fit for the program. He is straight forward and, she appreciates that. She thanked him for coming.

Leon Hoover, Omak Stampede President

Mayor Gagné informed Council that Mr. Hoover was unable to attend.

Resolution No. 76-2023 – Agreement with the North Central Washington Narcotics Task Force (NCWNTF)

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 76-2023. Police Chief Christensen informed the Council the NCWNTF Board met and discussed an increase in the participation fees. The fees have not increased in over twenty years. This agreement includes an increase in fees from \$5,300 to \$10,600. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution No. 77-2023 – Approve Increase in Petty Cash for the Omak Municipal Court

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 77-2023. City Administrator McDaniel informed the Council that Washington Federal Bank has notified the City of Omak of a change in bank fees. The bank account for the Omak Municipal Court must now retain a \$1,000 balance to avoid a monthly service fee. The Resolution will approve a \$500 increase in petty cash. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Freel informed Council that OCCOG met last Monday. He was unable to attend due to a conflict. The agenda had no action items but, he will forward the minutes to Council when he receives them.

Fire Chief Patrick informed the Council that the Fire Advisory Board met last Wednesday. They are monitoring burn conditions for lifting the burn ban. It's still hot and dry and we need moisture.

Police Chief Christensen informed the Council that he has been working on budget and the booth at the Okanogan County Fair went well.

CORE Manager Danielson thanked all those who helped with the fair booth. She informed Council of upcoming events. Faith and Blue Week will include, Pizza & Partnerships on October 6, 2023, at the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church. This event will allow the community to have open dialogue with local law enforcement. The other event is "Kick'n it With the Cops" on October 7, 2023, at 3pm in Omak Eastside Park.

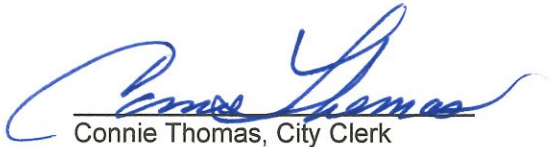
Clerk Thomas thanked all the department heads for submitting their budget timely. She and City Administrator McDaniel will be working to prepare and present the Preliminary Budget to the Mayor on Friday, September 29, 2023.

Member Cariker said the fair booth was well organized and fun.

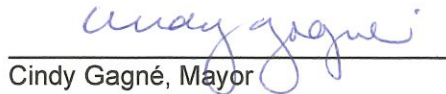
Member Clark had the opportunity to work with Chief Christensen, Courtney, Rochelle and Sergeant Tallant. He had the opportunity to talk with several people in the Omak area. He enjoyed watching Chief Christensen interact with the kids. It also gave him the opportunity to interact outside of a Council meeting.

Member Gaines also commented on the Police Department interaction with the kids. It was fun and good for building relationships.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor