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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 2, 2023**

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**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
Dave Womack	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. Michael Porter, Omak School District Superintendent, asked to be added to address Council. Mayor Gagné added him to the end of the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the September 18, 2023, meeting; 2023 claims checks numbered 109828-109875 in the amount of \$547,534.99; Check numbers 109788-109801 were voided; September 2023 payroll checks numbered 109715-109717, 1098102-109827 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$390,498.21; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Leon Hoover, Omak Stampede President**

Mr. Hoover updated the Council on the Omak Stampede Event. The Omak Stampede issued a check to the City of Omak for admission tax and royalties in the amount of \$61,978. The sales were up substantially from 2022. This is in part to an increase in the cost of the Friday and Saturday night tickets prices. He shared the profit and loss statement and said it was a good year and Stampede was profitable. He said the Stampede Board is working with Stay Gold Entertainment for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024. He thanked the entire city crew for working on the grounds leading up to and during the event.

**Roni Holder-Diefenbach – Abandoned Buildings/Vacant Lots**

Mrs. Holder-Diefenbach shared with Council the presentation of abandoned building/vacant lot was the brainchild of the late George Brady. He was a progressive City Council member for the City of Pateros and was Mayor during the Pateros fires. He was also on the Economic Alliance Board for many years and took on the issue of abandoned buildings in communities and a subcommittee was formed. Mrs. Holder-Diefenbach reviewed the main identifiers, solutions and six recommendations that were important to the committee. At the end of her presentation, Member Cariker suggested the Public Safety Committee meet and discuss the issues. She asked Member Gaines to sit in for Member Womack as he would be out of town. Mayor Gagné thanked Mrs. Holder-Diefenbach and said it was a nice presentation and slide show.

**Michael Porter – Omak School District Superintendent**

Mr. Porter shared with Council that this is Homecoming week for Omak, there will be a parade at 8pm on Thursday and the football game on Friday night at 7pm. He also appreciates Chief Christensen attending the last school board meeting and sharing information about the process to obtain a school resource officer.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Committee/Staff Reports:**

Member Clark informed Council that he attended a Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting prior to this meeting. The SWAC is starting to update the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. He also learned about some new legislation regarding composting and keeping Washington Green.

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Fire Chief Patrick informed the Council that October is Fire Prevention month and encouraged everyone to check their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

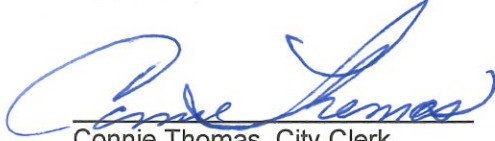
Chief of Police Christensen informed the Council that Faith in Blue, Pizza & Partnership is scheduled for Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church from 5pm – 7:30pm and, Kick'n it with the Cops is on Saturday starting at 3pm at Omak Eastside Park.

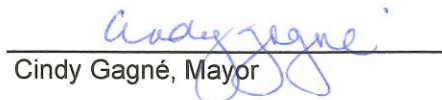
Member Foth confirmed the Public Safety Committee will be meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Member Cariker informed Council the Zombie Fun Run and Halloween Harvest Festival is on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged everyone to volunteer for this event.

Member Gaines was appreciative of the article about her certifications in the paper. It was nice.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

  
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Connie Thomas, City Clerk

  
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Cindy Gagné, Mayor