
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 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 (CA)
Nattalie Cariker	Jeremy Patrick, Fire Chief
Barry Freel	Dan Christensen, Chief of Police
Steve Clark	Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director (PWD)
Meyer Louie	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Tyler Wells, Building Official (BO)
Dave Womack	Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager (CPM)

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mara Machulsky, Legislative Consultant

Ms. Machulsky was in attendance to provide the Council with a recap of the last session and what to expect in the next session. The Legislature adjourned on April 23, 2023. They passed over four hundred fifty bills last session out of over 2,000 introduced. The session was headlined by a once-in-a-generation transportation revenue package, which was the largest transportation package in Washington's history. The 2024 legislative session will begin on January 8th. They will update the biennial budget and mostly adjustments to operating budgets and a few new capital projects. She reminded the Council that a 2022 capital request allocated 4.3 million dollars through the Department of Commerce for the water reservoir project. Last session, the legislature allocated 1.5 million dollars through the Department of Natural Resources to the project for inflation costs due to delayed construction. The Mayor and CA McDaniel visited Olympia during session, and they met with the 7th district legislators as well as members of Senate leadership. There are no requests being put forward this year but will promote the overall city priorities. She spoke to the Washington State revenue forecast, the Climate Commitment Act, and the Department of Natural Resources Wildfire priorities. She also explained to the Council that each year, the Association of Washington Cities adopts legislative priorities. The top four priorities for 2024. They include Officer recruitment and retention, Infrastructure investment, behavioral health, and the property tax cap. She will be working with CA McDaniel to see if Omak wants to be active in those priorities. Mayor Gagné asked if there were any questions. Member Freel asked what would happen to the current 1.5 billion dollars in revenue if the Climate Commitment Act were repealed. Ms. Machulsky guessed the money would be spent toward program policies. She will find an answer and share that with CA McDaniel. As there were no further questions, Mayor Gagné thanked her for attending and sharing the information.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the November 20, 2023 meeting; 2023 claims checks numbered 110182-110210, 110212-110234 and voided check 110211 in the amount of \$410,455.01; November 2023 payroll checks numbered 110094-110096, 110156-110181 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$401,895.60; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1931 – Approving the 2024 Budget

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve Ordinance 1931. City Administrator McDaniel informed Council that there were a couple of now known items that didn't materially change the 2024 budget document. The annual insurance renewal cost came in at \$449,897 which was higher than expected. The Public Works Department was also successful in receiving funding for 2024 TIB projects. CA McDaniel said that City Clerk Thomas set the budget into the financial system and there was a .01¢ rounding error between the street fund and current expense. He believes this is a good document. He also informed the Council that we have a good group and if we need to tighten spending or get projects done, they can. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 90-2023 – Accept Department of Commerce 2023 STOP Grant

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 90-2023. Police Chief Christensen explained to the Council that this is a continuation of funding. \$18,173 in funding will be shared amongst other agencies within Okanogan County for the purpose of enhancing domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault response and investigation. The City of Omak is the agency that will manage that grant. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Clark informed Council that the Infrastructure Committee met prior to Council with the CA and PWD. They discussed the award of the Transportation Improvement Board projects. Two of the projects include upgrades to the water and sewer lines. He deferred to PWD Beetchenow who informed the Council the projects are funded by TIB at ninety five percent. CA McDaniel informed the Council that a bid opening for the Julia Maley Treatment Facility is December 6, 2023. The bid documents need to be signed by the end of the year. He informed Council that a special council meeting will be scheduled for either Friday, December 8th or Monday, December 11th as Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) wants a signed contract. Member Clark also informed Council the Wenatchee Valley College is asking for a crosswalk in the middle block of Apple Avenue. They want a streetlight and PWD Beetchenow would like to see flashing lights for the crosswalk. Staff will get costs and discuss more with the college.

Police Chief Christensen said he received a resignation from an officer effective December 3, 2023.


CORE Program Manager Danielson informed the Council that she provided them with a memo requesting approval for out of state travel. She said that her, Georgia Lamb and, Aaron Pennycooke will travel to Omaha Nebraska to attend the 5th Annual Co-Responder Conference. They attended this conference last year when it was held in Spokane. Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve the out-of-state travel. Member Womack asked about the cost. CPM Danielson detailed the travel costs and explained the expenditure was built into the NCACH grant funding. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

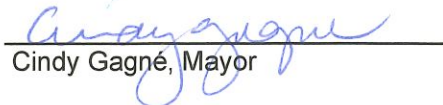
CA McDaniel said that this is a big weekend in Omak with the Christmas Parade.

Member Cariker echoed what CA McDaniel said. She informed the Council about Christmas on Main schedule. The day will start with a movie at the Mirage (The Grinch) at 11:30 and Santa House will open at 2:30 and close for the parade which starts at 5pm. There will be smores and a fireworks event to finish the night.

Member Gaines asked what projects were approved by the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). PWD Beetchenow said they were the Central Avenue reconstruction, Jonathan Avenue from Pine Street to Quince Street and a chip seal project in various locations.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.


Connie Thomas, City Clerk


Cindy Gagné, Mayor