
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM and a quorum was established.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

Mike Foth	Tyler Wells, Building Official (BO)
Nattalie Cariker	Jeremy Patrick, Fire Chief
Barry Freel	Dan Christensen, Police Chief
Steve Clark	Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director (PWD)
Meyer Louie	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator (CA)
Dave Womack	Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager/Outreach Specialist

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Employee Service Award Presentations

Mayor Gagné presented service awards to Courtney Crowder for five years of service. Brien Bowling was also recognized for ten years of service. Mr. Bowling was not in attendance but he Mayor will ensure he receives his plaque.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the December 4, 2023, and December 11, 2023, meetings; 2023 claims checks numbered 110243-110307 were issued in the amount of \$876,830.15; 2023 November manual checks numbered 109988-110093 in the amount of \$1,405.77. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 91-2023 – Recognizing the 2022-2023 Emergency Snow Event

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 91-2023. CA McDaniel explained to Council that about this time last year the city experienced a significant snow event. The City's insurance representative was onsite and secured resources to help mitigate snow loads on city facilities. It was initially thought the insurance company would pay the contractors directly but, in the end, funds were passed through the city. CA McDaniel said the emergency should have been declared at that time and it was overlooked. Because the funds ended up passing through the city, City Attorney Howe advised CA McDaniel to draft a Resolution and recognize the snow event for auditing purposes. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 92-2023 Approve Agreement with Washington State Patrol for Fire Mobilization

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie to approve Resolution 92-2023. Fire Chief Patrick explained to Council the agreement is with Washington State Patrol for implementing State Mobilization for wildland fires or any natural disasters. The contract is the same as in past years and only the dates have been changed. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 93-2023 – Approve 2024 Fuel Agreement with Whitley Fuel

Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 93-2023. CA McDaniel informed Council that by law, annually, the city is required to go out to bid for city fuel needs. The bid was advertised in the Omak Chronicle on November 8, 2023. A single bid was received from Whitley Fuel, LLC. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 95-2023 – Approve Agreement with Flock Safety

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Resolution 95-2023. Police Chief Christensen informed the Council this agreement is an extension of the existing agreement. It will lock in the 2023 pricing for current and future camera systems. The agreement also includes the addition of two Flock cameras through Team One grant funds from the Department of Commerce. This opportunity will save the city an estimated fifteen thousand dollars. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

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Resolution No. 96-2023 – Approve Consulting Agreement with Northwest Solutions

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Resolution 96-2023. CA McDaniel informed Council that this agreement is an annual renewal with Northwest Solutions, Mara Machulsky. The terms are the same. CA McDaniel said that Council did have concerns last year about the contract expiring in December before the legislative session opened. The new agreement will extend through July 31, 2025, for the passing of the State budget. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

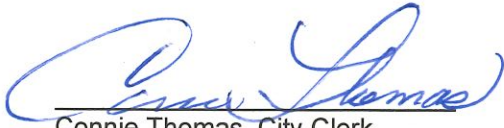
Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Freel attended the Okanogan County Council of Governments (OCOG) Meeting and, he forwarded minutes to the Council. He said if there were any questions, let him know.

Member Clark reminded the Councilmembers about the new 2024 Council Committees.

Mayor Gagné thanked everyone for coming this evening and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor