
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2024**

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)
	Michael D. Howe, City Attorney

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:

Oath of Office for Councilmembers

City Attorney Howe was in attendance to administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilmember's. Members Steve Clark, Barry Freel, Meyer Louie and Dave Womack were sworn in and seated.

Appointment to the Omak Library Board

Mayor Gagné asked the Council to affirm her appointment of Peg Finch to the Omak Library Board. Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker to affirm the appointment. As there were not questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the December 18, 2023 meeting; December 2023 claims checks numbered 110333-110365 in the amount of \$60,964.60; January 2024 claims check numbered 110366-110402, in the amount of \$79,503.35; December payroll checks numbered 110240-110242, 110308-110331 and, ACH payments in the amount of \$400,223.12; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 01-2024 – City of Omak Fee Schedule for 2024

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 01-2024. CA McDaniel informed Council that this was the annual fee schedule and very little has changed except the utility rates. Water, sewer and storm drain, were increased by six percent and the garbage was increased three percent. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 02-2024 – Approve a Public Works Contract with Skirko Tree Service, LLC

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 02-2024. PWD Beetchenow informed Council the contract is to prune the trees on Main Street. Member Womack asked if the contract included removal of trees. PWD Beetchenow said it will only be pruning. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 03-2024 – Approve Purchase of a Booster Pump

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve Resolution 03-2024. PWD Beetchenow informed the Council that the booster pump is for the Stampede arena irrigation system. The purchase includes a pump and a variable frequency drive (VFD). The irrigation system can be set up on a timer and eliminate use of the water truck for events. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 04-2024 – Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Okanogan County

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Freel, to approve Resolution 04-2024. Building Official Wells informed the Council the agreement with Okanogan County for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services is the same as in previous years. This agreement will allow coverage for out-of-town training, sick

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leave, plan review services etcetera. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 05-2024 – City of Omak Fee Schedule for 2024

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Resolution 05-2024. CA McDaniel informed the Council that this was a three-year agreement with the Teamsters. Both Detective Bowling and Officer Schaeffer were involved in the negotiations. He explained to Council the negotiations took a couple of months and during that time, he met with the Personnel/Finance Committee several times. Member Womack asked if the Personnel/Finance Committee had reviewed the agreement. Member Gaines said the committee did meet several times and there was a lot of back-and-forth communication and, the committee does recommend it's approval. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 06-2024 – Amend the Contract for Judicial Services with David Ebenger

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Resolution 06-2024. CA McDaniel informed the Council this is an amendment to the agreement with David Ebenger. The term of the agreement is four years, and this is the third year. The agreement provides a provision for an increase in compensation, and this is the first increase of ten percent. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Ordinance No. 1933 – 1st Read – Amend Omak Municipal Code 9.12.050 Storm Drain Utility Rates

Mayor Gagné informed the Council that Ordinance 1933 is a first read with no action. CA McDaniel explained to Council while reviewing this section of the Omak Municipal Code we found conflicting rates. This ordinance will remove the rates and reference the City of Omak Fee Schedule. There were no questions or comments.

Ordinance No. 1934 – 1st Read – Amend Omak Municipal Code 9.04.360 Monthly Commercial Rates

Mayor Gagné informed the Council that Ordinance 1934 is a first read with no action. CA McDaniel explained to Council this is a similar situation as with the storm drain rates. We found monthly rates for multi-unit charges for water. This ordinance will remove those rates and reference the City of Omak Fee Schedule. There were no questions or comments.

Ordinance No. 1935 – Approve the Non-Union Salary Schedule for 2024

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Ordinance 1935. CA McDaniel informed the Council that he had met with the Personnel/Finance Committee and the ordinance includes a ten percent increase in wages for regular and part-time employees except for the City Clerk position that is in at twelve percent. Member Louie asked why the volunteer firefighters received a substantial increase. Fire Chief Patrick clarified the increase was for only for the On Call Supervisor. This pay is to allow coverage of the command vehicle and respond in place of the Fire Chief when he is gone. This pay is specific to his Line Officers only. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Fire Chief Patrick informed the Council that he received a flyer for the National Fire arson Investigation Training Institute. He and Brien Bowling would like to attend this training in Las Vegas March 5th through the 7th. Mr. Bowling will attend in his Detective capacity. This out-of-state travel requires Council approval. Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Foth to approve out of state travel. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Police Chief Christensen said he successfully received a Pursuit Technology Grant in the amount of \$32,000. The Omak Police Department was one of fourteen in the State of Washington to receive this grant. He said that Omak was first on the list and the grant will fund the purchase of three more Flock license plate readers and three years of funding.

Member Louie reminded the Council of the new 2024 Council Committees.

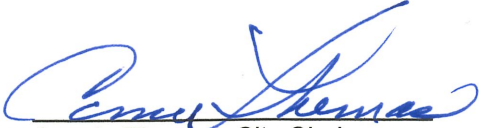
Member Clark reminded the Council to file with the Public Disclosure Commission.

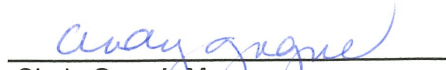
Member Womack confirmed the next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

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Connie Thomas, City Clerk


Cindy Gagné, Mayor

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