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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2024**

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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 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:**

**Honoring Gold Girl Scout – CEO Brian Newberry**

Brian Newberry, Chief Executive Officer of the Girls Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho was in attendance to recognize Gold Girl Scout Elisabeth Bedard. He was accompanied by his COO, Renee Smock. Mr. Newberry explained to Council what Ms. Bedard has accomplished to earn the Gold Girl Scout Award and said he was proud of her. In one season, Ms. Bedard sold 2,623 boxes of cookies. He invited Ms. Bedard to speak about her experiences as a Girl Scout. Ms. Bedard shared about her Gold Girl Scout project presentation which was about pronouns and understanding of them. She also shared about her travel opportunities. Mayor Gagné congratulated her and said it's a "grand award".

**Team O.N.E. Lead Introductions**

Rochelle Danielson informed the Council that Marc Doney was hired as Lead for Team O.N.E. The Team O.N.E. initiative is based on the data gathered from the community workshops held last year. She provided the Council with an info graphic that outlined the program goals. She explained that Mr. Doney was one of five applicants. Mr. Doney addressed the Council sharing that he moved to Omak eleven years ago from the Wenatchee area. He is a homeowner, business owner and pastor of a small church. He is excited about the opportunity to work with everyone. Mrs. Danielson said that Mr. Doney is former law enforcement and military. His experience and knowledge will help bridge the gap between law enforcement, city and the community. Mayor Gagné said she was part of the hiring committee, and any applicant could have fit into the position, but Mr. Doney had an impressive background. Member Foth asked what branch of military he served in. Mr. Doney said he served in the Marines.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Gagné informed the Council that item number 9 on the agenda will be removed. This was a request made by the user.

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the February 5, 2024, meeting; Claims checks numbered 110591-110658 were issued in the amount of \$302,385.48; January 2024 manual checks numbered (110404 was voided) 110405 in the amount of \$21.00. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 1937 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Read – 2024 Budget Amendment – Street Fund**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines to approve Ordinance 1937. CA McDaniel reminded Council the ordinance will recognize the revenue and expenditures for the awarded Transportation Improvement Board projects and designs. The projects include Jonathan Street, Central Avenue Phase II and a chip seal project. TIB will fund ninety-five percent of the projects. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.



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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Chief Christensen – Police Department Promotion Presentation**

Chief Christensen informed the Council that Sergeant Schaefer has already been administered the Oath of Office. He thanked the Council for authorizing an additional Sergeant position. Sergeant Schaefer filled the temporary Sergeant position last year and through the testing process this year, secured the permanent position. Sergeant Schaefer was congratulated.

**Police Department Officer of the Year Presentation**

Chief Christensen asked Sergeant Schaefer to present the Officer of the Year award. Sergeant Schaefer submitted a nomination letter to Chief Christensen as to why he believes Officer Carnahan should be nominated for the award. Sergeant Schaefer read the nomination letter and then presented Officer Ryan Carnahan with the Officer of the Year award.

**Resolution 15-2024 – Approve Purchase Agreement with Dell Technologies**

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 15-2024. Police Chief Christensen informed the Council that this is a scheduled computer replacement purchased. This order is for laptops and desktops and is included in the 2024 budget. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 16-2024 – Approve Purchase Agreement with HID Global**

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 16-2024. Police Chief Christensen informed the Council that this purchase will move the police department toward accreditation. The electronic fingerprint system will allow for instant identity, firearms permitting and teachers needing the services. Member Womack recalled that free fingerprint kits were given out years ago for children. He asked if this was an option for children and Chief Christensen said absolutely. Chief Christensen also informed the Council that if you don't have a fingerprint, it does not count as an arrest. Member Louie asked if the electronic system is national and international? Chief Christensen confirmed it is international and there is an increased cost for that. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 17-2024 – Approve Public Works Contract with Schmitt Electric**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve Resolution 17-2024. PWD Beetchenow informed the Council the Public Works contract with Schmitt is to replace ten RV pedestals in the RV Park and six near the Stampede Arena. Hotel Motel Funds were budgeted for the RV park pedestals. Member Womack confirmed if this was replacing what is currently there. PWD Beetchenow said it was, same thirty-amp power. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution No. 18-2024 – Approve the Award of Contract for the Hospital Service Line Improvements**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 18-2024. PWD Beetchenow informed the Council the improvements will add a new service line and water meter with a bypass to the supply line for the hospital. The improvements will ensure there is a reliable water line going to the hospital. Member Gaines asked if this was a looped water line and who would be paying for the project. PWD Beetchenow explained that it's not a loop and the project is included in the 2024 budget. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution No. 19-2024 – Approve Professional Service Contract with Dale Crandall**

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 19-2024. CA McDaniel informed the Council the contract with Hearing Examiner Dale Crandall expires in February. Mr. Crandall was willing to extend his contract through December 2024 with an increase in the hourly rate. He and Building Official Wells will look for other sources to contract the services. BO Wells explained to Council the Hearing Examiner is contracted to hear and make land use decisions for items such as conditional use permits, and variances. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution No. 20-2024 – Approve City of Omak Comprehensive Plan & Maps**

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 20-2024. Building Official Wells reminded the Council that Kurt Danison was at the last two Council meetings and explained the process taken to update the Omak Comprehensive Plan & Maps. The Planning Commission held a public hearing for the Omak Comprehensive Plan, and they recommend approval. CA McDaniel let the Council know that Mr. Danison had a conflicting meeting. He asked BO Wells to answer any questions. 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 asked to call an Infrastructure Committee meeting directly after the Council meeting. Those members include Member Foth and Member Womack.

Chief Christensen informed the Council that he extended an employment offer to Ash Wert for the Code Enforcement position. He said that he appreciated the help of Clerk Thomas and Deputy Clerk Hicks through the testing process. He has also extended an offer to Philip Johnson who will start employment on March 6, 2024.

CA McDaniel informed the Council that the 2024 Budget included an expenditure for land acquisition. He has been working with the Infrastructure Council Committee and they agreed that a building lease option would make better sense. A building lease would also be a savings in the budget.

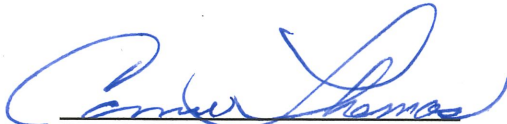
Member Foth asked about current job positions that are open in the city. PWD Beetchenow said that there are two Public Works seasonal positions, Pool Manager, lifeguards and a Camp Host.

Member Cariker congratulated Sergeant Schaefer, Officer Carnahan and Team ONE Lead, Marc Doney.

Member Clark congratulated all. He said it was nice to see Sergeant Schaefer involved and, attending the City Council meetings in the last several months.

Mayor Gagné informed the Council that she attended a joint State of the Cities in Wenatchee last week. There were about eighty people in attendance at that event. All the cities are experiencing the same problems that we have. She congratulated Sergeant Schaefer and Officer Carnahan and welcomed Marc Doney.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

  
Connie Thomas, City Clerk

  
Cindy Gagné, Mayor