
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagne called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM and established a quorum. Everyone joined in the flag salute.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

Nattalie Cariker (Zoom)	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator (CA)
Barry Freel	Jeremy Patrick, Fire Chief
Steve Clark	Shane Schaefer, Police Sergeant
Meyer Louie	Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director (PWD)
Michelle Gaines	Cindy Hicks, Deputy Clerk
Dave Womack	Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager/Outreach Specialist
Mike Foth	

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Affirmation of Appointment to the Omak Library Board – Carol Carder

Mayor Gagne stated she was seeking Affirmation of Appointment to the Library Board appointing Carol Carder. Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Louie, to appoint Carol Carder to the Omak Library Board. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Mayor Gagne read a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation, congratulating the city on earning recognition as a 2023 Tree City USA. She will submit the Press Release to be published.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the March 4, 2024 meeting; 2024 claims checks numbered 110805-110877, 1107232-1107304 in the amount of \$459,455.02; Manual checks numbered 110581-110584, 110588-110590, 110659 in the amount of \$4,340.83; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 27-2024 – Approve Interlocal Agreement with Okanogan County Public Works

Member Freel moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 27-2024. PWD, Beetchenow, informed the Council that the County needs our help with cleaning storm drains, etc. and this resolution for the Interlocal Agreement allows us to do that. All work will be tracked through our PubWorks system and billed out accordingly. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 28-2024 – Approve Contract – Okanogan County for Airport Hangar Expansion

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Resolution 28-2024. CA McDaniel reported that the Hanger Expansion project was selected as one of the highest priority projects in Okanogan County, during the 2023 Infrastructure Prioritization process and has been selected for funding with county .09 dollars which they receive for public infrastructure projects. The past several years, this money has been maintaining debt service on projects such as the Stampede Arena. This year there is a surplus to fund a few top prioritized projects. This Resolution is for the Omak Airport Hanger Area Expansion Project-Planning Only Grant of \$140, 000 and will provide for the completion of a site layout plan, a grading plan, design and bid specifications for hangar site and taxi lane improvements. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Ordinance 1939 – Grant Nonexclusive Franchise for Telecommunication Services

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve Ordinance 1939. CA McDaniel informed the Council that this is the same as the franchise they did last fall with Ziplly. He stated that Jason Mocca, with Concept Communication, was present if anyone had any questions. Member Gaines asked about the term of 10 years and if that meant they had 10 years to put the service in or what happens after 10 years with fiber in the right of way? Mr Mocca stated they plan to have the fiber installed within one year, but when the

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10 years is reached, it would then be extended. He informed the Council that they will bury some line and be using the poles that are in place as well. They are working with the PUD. Initially the project is planned to serve 1700 homes across Omak in phase one but will expand later. The service will be brought to the homes, then it is up to the owners if they want to connect either by direct line or wireless. Member Womak asked about the depth of the installation and expressed concern about past issues with sewer and water lines and where they crossed over. Mr. Mocca assured the Council that there will be an inspector onsite, and that the inspector is independent of the contractor doing the work. He will be always in close contact and assures quality work. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Freel reported on the Infrastructure Committee meeting. They are reviewing two plans for the north sewer river crossing repair. One is to install a temporary connection across the bridge and the other is permanent directional boring under the river. Both are the same cost. Discussion followed on potential cost with funding and other crossing options that were looked at. Member Freel stated that there will need to be a test bore conducted, but the Committee was in favor of the directional boring option. CA McDaniel was in hopes to have it up and running by Stampede.

CORE, Danielson, reported that new Team One Lead, Marc Doney, has hit the ground running and is making great efforts to reach out to businesses. There is a Facebook post with his number and email for further outreach and to ask questions. They are working on a community survey to establish a baseline and be able to gauge progress. He will also be attending training in Spokane to gain insight from others on the various tasks that will be forthcoming such as recruiting volunteers, etc. She also reported that Georgia Lamb and Aaron Pennycooke will finally be attending very important CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) next week, which had previously been canceled.

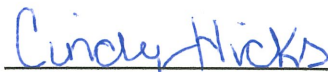
Todd reported that he and Chief Christensen have been working with the school regarding the SRO (School Resource Officer) and feels they are getting close to an agreement. He has sent it to City Attorney Howe, for review. The school is going to discuss it at their next school board meeting. There may be some minor changes, but once it comes back, he will get a Community Support & Public Safety Committee meeting together and make sure everybody is on board and he will see what it looks like in the city budget.


Member Louie thanked PWD Beetchenow for the airport tour. He felt it was very informative.

Member Clark reported that he had attended the Fire Banquet. He wanted to thank them, and stated it was a great dinner and turnout.

Citizen, Karen Anderson, approached the Council with concern. She had heard rumor that illegal immigrants were being bused into Omak and dropped off at hotels. She was curious if anyone had knowledge of this happening. The Council was not aware of this activity taking place.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.


Cindy Hicks, Deputy Clerk


Cindy Gagné, Mayor