
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagné 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:

Mike Foth	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator (CA)
Michelle Gaines	Jeremy Patrick, Fire Chief
Nattalie Cariker	Dan Christensen, Police Chief - Zoom
Dave Womack	Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director (PWD)
Barry Freel	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Steve Clark	Tyler Wells, Building Official - absent
Maria Lassila	Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Mngr/Outreach Specialist
	Marc Doney, Team O.N.E. Lead - absent

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Gagné asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to address the Council. Brandi Belgarde with The Support Center addressed the Council. She is seeking permission to have vendors during their 4th annual Picnic in the Park Resource Fair event. Past events have been held in Okanogan at Alma or Legion Park. This year, The Support Center reserved the Dance Pavillion for Saturday, May 31, 2025. The average attendance for this event is one hundred to five hundred attendees. She has confirmed twenty-seven vendors and five or six of them will be selling items. Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve the event as described contingent on the liability insurance. As there was no further discussion or comments, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagné shared an invitation to the Advance Open House on Thursday, May 22, 2025 from 11am to 3pm located at 646 Okoma Drive, Suite A, Omak.

Mayor Gagné asked if any Councilmembers were attending the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Annual Conference and if so, would they like to be a voting delegate. Member Gaines will be attending the conference and will be the delegate for Omak. Mayor Gagné will be submitting her name to AWC.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the May 5, 2025, meeting; May 19, 2025, claims checks numbered 113046-113112 in the amount of \$920,946.77 and April manual checks numbered 112788-112790, 112883-112887, 112955 and 112957 in the amount of \$769.27; May 7th payroll checks numbered 113022-113040 and ACH Payments totaling \$427,266.62. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve the Request for a Fireworks Sales Permit – J&M Liquidations, LLC

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve the Firework Sales Permit for J&M Liquidations, LLC. Fire Chief Patrick explained to the Council the sale of fireworks is for the stand located in the Burger King parking lot. J&M Liquidations, LLC has done this annually. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

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Resolution 31-2025 – Approve a Reimbursement Agreement with Spokane County

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Resolution 31-2025. Police Chief Christensen explained to the Council that he hired Guadalupe Gonzalez from Spokane County. This agreement will reimburse Spokane County for his time in the Police Academy. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 32-2025 – Approve Change Order No. 1 – Julia Maley Treatment Facility

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Resolution 32-2025. Public Works Director Beetchenow explained to the Council that Change Order No. 1 will adjust the fencing and gates and will install snow guards on the building roof. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 33-2025 – Approve the Agreement with CivicPlus for the City of Omak

Website

Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Gaines to approve Resolution 33-2025. City Clerk Thomas explained to the Council that our former website hosting company, Municode merged with CivicPlus several years ago. We were advised that our website would eventually need to migrate to the new platform. Our current agreement expires and the new agreement will begin on June 1, 2025. After migration, the City of Omak website will have a new look. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 34-2025 – Approve the Bid Award for Rudnick & Sons for the Jonathan

Avenue Improvements

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Resolution 34-2025. PWD Beetchenow explained to the Council that last Wednesday, bids were open for the Jonathan Avenue Improvement project. Based on the evaluations of the bids by Gray & Osborne, Inc., they recommend the contract be awarded to Rudnick & Sons, LLC. Member Womack asked if the bid came in under the engineers estimate. PWD Beetchenow acknowledged it did. As there was no further discussion or comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Clark informed the Council that PWD Beetchenow would like to hire a Public Works Crew Member a couple months before an employee retires. The Committee agreed that he could move forward. PWD Beetchenow explained that Dave Howe submitted his letter of resignation and will retire at the end of July. He would like to fill the position prior so the new employee can be onboard and trained. There was discussion about the CDL training, contracts and the probation period. CA McDaniel informed the Council that filling the position early will be an increase to the labor pool and recommends Council action. Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Clark to approve filling the upcoming vacant position. PWD Beetchenow said the overlap would be about one month. As there was no further discussion or comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Member Clark informed the Council the Personnel/Finance Committee would be meeting again prior to the next meeting.

C.O.R.E. Program Manager Danielson reminded the Council about a Team O.N.E. event, Touch a Truck. The event is scheduled for June 7, 2025.

CA McDaniel informed the Council that he provided them with a draft of the 2024 Annual Report for their review. He explained that the report will be submitted to the State Auditor's Office next week.

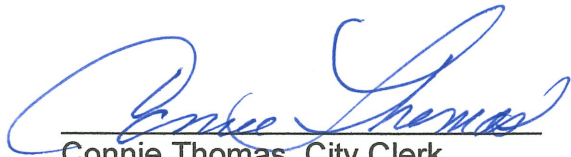
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Member Clark informed the Council the Boat Safety Class hosted by Team O.N.E. was canceled due to a lack of attendance. He is waiting for Mr. Doney to reschedule this event. He also mentioned that he had the opportunity to attend the Mid Valley Hospital & Clinic Town Meeting with the new CEO Andy Bertapelle and he is very community oriented.

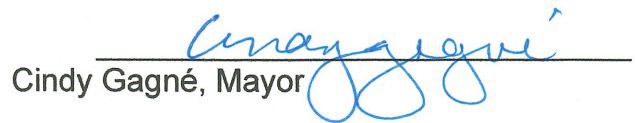
Mayor Gagné confirmed with Fire Chief Patrick the date and time of the Okanogan County Emergency Management Pre-Season Fire meeting. Fire Chief Patrick said it is scheduled for May 21st at 9am at the Agri-Plex.

Police Chief Christensen said he is attending the annual WASPC Conference all week in Spokane.

As there was no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor