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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 7, 2025**

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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 established a quorum. Everyone joined in the flag salute.

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:**

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mayor Gagné asked if there was anyone in attendance that would like to address the Council. Citizen Peg Finch addressed the City Council. She has been a resident of Omak for more than fifty years. She expressed her strong concerns about what is happening on a federal level with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and the cruel treatment surrounding the "Alligator Alcatraz" detention facility.

Leon Hoover, President of Omak Stampede asked to address the Council at the end of the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the June 16, 2025, meeting; 2025 claims checks numbered 113285-113353 in the amount of \$299,244.42; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 1952 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Read – Amend the 2025 Budget for Various Funds**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve Ordinance 1952. City Administrator McDaniel reminded the Council that this Ordinance recognizes the revenue and expenditures for approved grant funded projects in the street, water, sewer and airport funds. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 40-2025 – Approve the Purchase of a Sewer Lift Station Pump**

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Freel, to approve Resolution 40-2025. Public Works Director Beetchenow explained to the Council that the Koala Lift Station pump failed in June. The pump was replaced using the backup pump. This purchase will replace the backup pump that was in our inventory. The pump will be purchased from Whitley Equipment Company for an estimated \$13,072. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 41-2025 – Approve the Omak Airport Land Lease with the Colville**

**Confederated Tribes**

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 41-2025. PWD Beetchenow informed the Council that the lease is for air support during fire season. Member Gaines asked if the lease amount is the same. PWD Beetchenow confirmed that it was. As there was no



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further discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 42-2025 – Approve the Purchase of a John Deere Lawn Mower Deck**

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 42-2025. PWD Beetchenow informed the Council that the mower, used in the RV Park is no longer serviceable. The new rear discharge deck will be placed on one of the current mowers and used in the parks. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 43-2025 – Approving the Sale of Surplus Equipment**

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 43-2025. PWD Beetchenow informed the Council that Attachment "A" is a list of property ready to be surplused. The C52 Command Vehicle will stay in the fleet until further discussion is had, and the Dodge Charger will be surplused when the new police vehicle arrives. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Okanogan County Transit Authority – Grant Letter of Support**

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve the letter of support. Brent Timm, General Manager of the Okanogan County Transit Authority, explained to the Council that they are writing a grant for 9.2 million dollars to build an Administrative/Operations Office and Maintenance Facility. They are asking for a letter of support from the City of Omak to submit with the grant application. Member WOMACK asked if they are asking this of all cities. Mr. Timm said that he just found out last Thursday they received approval to submit the application. The application for grant is due next Monday and he will be attending all the City meetings that take place this week. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Leon Hoover – Omak Stampede, Inc.**

Leon Hoover, President of Omak Stampede addressed the Council. He explained that the Omak Stampede Board met this evening. Because of the low-ticket sales, the board voted to cancel the concert to protect the interests of the Omak Stampede. He shared the Rotary Steak Night was a good event. The Stampede Board also voted to replace the Company Store before this year's rodeo in addition to new lighting for the arena.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Committee/Staff Reports:**

Member Cariker reported that the Community Support and Public Safety Committee met to discuss an agreement with Seattle's Finest Security and Traffic Control. Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member WOMACK to approve

Member Gaines had questions about the agreement and the need for additional officers for Stampede. Chief Christensen explained they are down four officers and Seattle's Finest are certified law enforcement officers who will cover the Stampede grounds while his officers are patrolling Omak. As there was no further discussion or comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

C.O.R.E. Program Manager Danielson provided the Council will a social media recap for the Omak Police Department Facebook page. The page has 2,512 followers, 177,834 views and reaches 65,156 users. She is also working on the planning for Kickin' it with the Cops.

City Administrator McDaniel sent an email out to the Finance Committee regarding options for insurance coverage. He has met with CIAW, AWC Risk Management Service Agency (RMSA) and Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA). The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.


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Member Gaines asked about the survey done by Team ONE and how long the grant for the program was funded for. Chief Christensen explained that the grant funds ended on June 30, 2025, but the program is budgeted to the end of 2025. Currently, there is no future funding. C.O.R.E. Program Manager Danielson did apply for the JAG Byrnes Grant but found out last week that Omak was not a recipient. She continues to keep an eye out but with the State and Federal cuts, funding is limited.

As there was no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

  
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Connie Thomas, City Clerk

  
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Cindy Gagné, Mayor

