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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 21, 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:**

Mike Foth	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator (CA)
Michelle Gaines	Jeremy Patrick, Fire Chief
Nattalie Cariker	Dan Christensen, Police Chief
Dave Womack	Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director (PWD)
Barry Freel	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Steve Clark	Tyler Wells, Building Official
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. Ronnie Jackson was in attendance and addressed the Council. Ms. Jackson expressed her concerns to the Council about the citizens in the park in addition to her concerns about a city employee.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gagné said the Fire Chief is not here right now, but he had a very active week last week. At that point, Fire Chief Patrick came in. Mayor Gagné said he is running a great group of volunteers.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the July 7, 2025, meeting; July 21, 2025, claims checks numbered 113363-113425 in the amount of \$370,245.28 and June manual checks numbered 113172, 113173, 113192, 113193, 113260, 113261 and, 113263-113265 in the amount of \$3,897.86; July 7th payroll checks numbered 113266-113284, 113361, 113362 and ACH Payments totaling \$482,490.87. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Draft Amendments to Title 18 – Zoning of the Omak Municipal Code**

Building Official Wells explained to the Council that Contract Planner, Kurt Danison could not be in attendance tonight. He said the Letter of Transmittal, a copy of the Staff Report and draft Zoning Code was provided to the Council. He briefly summarized the Staff Report stating the Planning Commission has been reviewing Omak Municipal Code, Title 18 since April 2024. The Omak Planning Commission then held a Public Hearing on July 1, 2025 where they received no comments. Building Official Wells highlighted some of the changes in the draft document. Member Foth recommended the draft move forward as an Ordinance on the next Council Agenda. All were in agreement.

**Resolution 44-2025 – Approve Change Order No. 2 – North Taxiway Reconstruction**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack to approve Resolution 44-2025. PWD Beetchenow explained to the Council that Change Order No. 2 consisted of extra digging under the taxiway. He reminded the Council that Change Order No. 1 was a decrease and Change Order No. 2



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will be an increase with a reduction to the total project cost of \$1.95. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Resolution 45-2025 – Approving the Satisfaction of Mortgage-Security Agreement**

Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Resolution 45-2025. CA McDaniel explained to the Council that in 1991 City Council approved a development agreement with Horizon Estates. The development is at the corner of Koala and Quince and the agreement made provisions for the improvements or payments for developing the perimeter streets. The current owners of Horizon Estates would like to uncumber the property and have offered \$175,000 to release the City's interest. CA McDaniel believes this is a fair agreement and recommends approval. City Attorney Howe has reviewed the agreement and Member Clark informed the Council that the Personnel/Finance Committee has met and recommends approval. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Committee/Staff Reports:**

Building Official Wells informed the Council that he just received an application for a thirty-one lot Long Plat just north of the Wildwood development in Omak. He will be working on that application.

Fire Chief Patrick updated the Council on the Greenacres Fire. He reported that nine hundred and twenty-one acres were burned. The Omak Fire Department responded along with other fire districts who were on the scene around 2pm along with multiple agencies who were there until midnight. Chelan County #6 resources and Grant County #5 resources covered the night shift as high winds were still present. The fire went State Mob at 2030 hours where a Type 3 Team came in and took over the fire. They are now demobilized. He explained the loss includes two industrial buildings, seven homes and thirteen places with loss of out buildings. There were no injuries reported and considering the weather conditions, everything went well. He also reports that the Omak Fire Department responded to two other fires on Tuesday, on Columbia River Road and on Cameron Lake Road. Member Freel asked what the cause of the fires were. Chief Patrick said they have an official cause for the Greenacres Fire, but he wanted to wait until the official release was made. The other two fires are still under investigation. Member Gaines asked about a fire south on Highway 97. Fire Chief Patrick said that they are leaning toward the cause being a semi-trailer that lost a wheel brake hub assembly.

PWD Beetchenow said that the Central Avenue construction project has started, and the Jonathan Street construction project kicked off today.

Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager, informed the Council the City will again have a booth at the Okanogan County Fair. She will have a sign up sheet for Council so they can help.

CA McDaniel is excited about the Omak stampede and encouraged all to help where they can. If anyone is interested in hosting our legislative guests, let him know. Omak Stampede has rodeo and VIP tent tickets for each performance. He has reached out to Representatives Abel, Engle, Barnard and Dent and he is waiting to hear back.

Member Foth informed the Council that TranGO will be providing a special shuttle for Stampede. The shuttle will run before and after the rodeo and will stop at all the motels, Home Depo and Walmart. The pickup and drop off point will be by the Omak City Pool. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, TranGO will host an open house celebrating ten years of service. Everyone is welcome.

Member Clark reminded the Council of the retirement party/potluck for Dave "Pee Wee" Howe that will be held on Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 11:30am - 1pm at the Dance Pavillion in Eastside Park.

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Member Womack informed the Council that the Omak-Okanogan Rotary is converting the old skate park into two Pickle Ball Courts. Volunteers have sealed the concrete and the weather permitting will be painting the surface tomorrow.

Mayor Gagné shared that she will be attending a ribbon cutting ceremony at FYRE for their new GED program. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm.

As there was no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

  
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Connie Thomas, City Clerk

  
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Cindy Gagné, Mayor