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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 18, 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:**

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| Mike Foth - absent     | Todd McDaniel, City Administrator (CA)                    |
| Michelle Gaines - Zoom | 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                              |

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mayor Gagné asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to address the Council. Ronnie Jackson was in attendance to address the Council. Mayor Gagné will add her after regular business.

**David Bolin – Address the City Council Regarding Homeless**

Mr. Bolin shared with the Council that he walked to Omak from Oklahoma. He shared his concerns about the lack of resources and the waiting lists in Okanogan County. He also shared his experience of being homeless.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gagné said the City made it through another Stampede. She has not heard any reports but from what she can tell it was a success.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the August 4, 2025, meeting; August 18, 2025, claims checks numbered 113513-113585 in the amount of \$385,262.58 and July manual checks numbered 113354-113360, 113426-113428 and 113431 in the amount of \$16,078.69; August 7th payroll checks numbered 113491-113508 and ACH Payments totaling \$463,320.89. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 50-2025 Approve Agreement with the USDA Forest Service – Park Use**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack to approve Resolution 44-2025. PWD Beetchenow explained to the Council the agreement with the Forest Service is similar to the one the City has with the Department of Natural Resources. This is a five year agreement to facilitate the rental of land for use as an incident command post/base camp for emergency incidents. Member Gaines expressed her concerns about the agreement allowing any Public Works personnel could direct use of other areas of the park. She would prefer the Public Works Director make that decision. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted with five members voting yea and Member Gaines voting nay. The motion carried.



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**Ordinance 1954 – 1<sup>st</sup> Read – Approve Budget Amendment – Airport Interfund Loan**

City Administrator McDaniel explained to the Council the Airport North Taxiway and Runway Projects are finishing and the Airport Fund requires an Interfund Loan for cash flow. At project closeout, the City will receive reimbursement of project costs from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Interfund Loan in the amount of \$200,000 will be from the Current Expense Fund to the Airport Fund. The loan is zero interest and will be repayed before the end of the fiscal year. CA McDaniel also informed the Council that two manual checks were issued out of the Airport Fund. One was to CityServiceValcon for airport fuel and the other was to the contractor Hurst Construction, LLC.

**Ordinance 1955 – Amend the Omak Municipal Code, Chapter 12.04 – State Law**

**Adopted-Speed Limit**

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Clark to approve Ordinance 1956. PWD Beetchenow explained to the Council the current code references city streets, schools and churches for speed limit boundaries. The amendment includes the Mileposts and references the Washington Model Traffic Ordinance. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Ordinance 1956 – Amend the Omak Municipal Code, Chapter 2.20 – Park Board**

Member Womack moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Ordinance 1956. CA McDaniel explained the Park Board is filled and is stronger than ever. The board would like to hold their meetings at 5pm rather than 7pm. The amendment will change the meeting time in addition to the board submitting recommendations to the Public Works Director rather than directly to the City Council. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**Tim Dillman – North Central Regional Libraries (NCRL) – Reimaging Spaces**

Tim Dillman, Associate Director of Community Libraries and Amanda Lawson, Facilities Manager from NCRL, were in attendance to share with the Council the Reimagine Spaces project for the Omak Public Library. Mr. Dillman explained that all thirty libraries in five counties will receive an interior remodel. The timeline for the Omak Library will begin in September with two months of community engagement. The Omak Library project cost is \$1.5 million dollars. Mr. Dillman asked for the City's support and sponsorship. He also suggested the Council earmark funding for potential projects that need to be done while the library is closed. Ms. Lawson reviewed the project schedule and budget. The Community Engagement Intensive days will be October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. She shared with the Council the additional grants obtained from the State of Washington Library Capital Improvement Fund and the Paul Lozier Foundation out of Ephrata. Member Cariker asked about computer tablets. Ms. Lawson explained that as far as technology is concerned, there will be desktops with the windows operating environment. Member Womack asked about the LEED Silver Certification required by the grant and the ongoing costs to the City for maintenance. Ms. Lawson explained they are not that far into the project, and they will select a LEED rating system that will have the least lift for the city.

**Ronnie Jackson – Citizen Comments**

Ronnie Jackson addressed the Council and read a statement that she titled Rules for Thee and Not for Me.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Committee/Staff Reports:**

CA McDaniel is working on the spreadsheets for the Call to Budget. He will have it out to the Department Heads by the end of the week.

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Member Cariker addressed Mr. Bolin and expressed her concerns about Civic League Park and how we can meet in the middle so everyone can enjoy the park. How do we help people and make it safe, so people feel comfortable bringing their children to the park. Bolin said that some people have a false perception of those in the park. He suggested working together, talking versus harassing and having resources.

**Scott Younce, Citizen**

Mr. Younce asked how many vacant buildings would be accessible. In addition, there are potential warming and cooling spaces with restrooms during the day. This would be a huge help for the community.


**Staff Reports**

Member Womack shared with the Council that the Pickle Ball Courts will be opening on Wednesday afternoon. Rotary will be painting and installing signage, and they will unlock the gate. Citizen Jackson asked who would be maintaining the courts. Member Womack hoped that citizens using the facility would help with that. Rotary will also help with future maintenance.

Marc Doney, Team O.N.E. Lead, addressed the Council. He is proud of what his team has done. They have over three hundred and fifty hours of patrol, over one hundred fifty-five graffiti incidents cleaned, and 26,790 pounds of garbage collected. Team O.N.E. and community volunteers recently painted the overpass by the East School and shortly after, it was tagged with graffiti. The program has a total of 2,694 man-hours which equates to \$118,913. Team O.N.E. participated in the Omak Stampede Parade and received a lot of great comments. They participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank event which supplied food to over two hundred and seventy families. Team O.N.E. delivered the leftover food to the Okanogan Food Bank as Omak's Food Bank was closed. Future events include a Community Clean-up of the Eastside Park baseball and soccer fields on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will participate in a garbage collection day hosted by the Seventh Day Adventist student on September 19<sup>th</sup> and, on October 21<sup>st</sup> they will participate in another 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank event in Eastside Park.

Member Gaines would like to talk more about the homeless but not tonight.

As there was no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

  
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Connie Thomas, City Clerk

  
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Cindy Gagné, Mayor