
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 - absent
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 and there were none.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Proclamation – Library Card Sign Up Month

Mayor Gagné read a proclamation for Library Card Sign Up Month encouraging everyone to sign up for a library card.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the September 5, 2025, meeting; September 15, 2025, claims checks numbered 113681-113738 in the amount of \$393,055.27 and August manual checks numbered 113487-113490, 113509-113512, 113590-113593, 113654-113656 (Voided 113586) in the amount of \$730,649.75; September 5th payroll checks numbered 113660-113677 and ACH Payments totaling \$430,140.59. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 53-2025 Approve Parks and Stripe Online Park Reservation Services

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Womack to approve Resolution 53-2025. PWD Beetchenow explained to the Council the agreement is for online reservation services for the RV Park, Park Shelters and sport fields. Mayor Gagné accepted questions from the audience clarifying what the software is and fees associated with reservations. As there were no further discussion and no further questions from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 54-2025 Approve Airport Land Lease with the Department of Natural

Resources

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines to approve Resolution 54-2025. CA McDaniel explained to the Council the land lease agreement with the DNR is for approximately eight acres. The lease has been reviewed by City Attorney Howe and the Federal Aviation Administration. The lease includes an escalation clause of four percent which has been the average inflation over the past fifty years. The City will receive \$38,000 that will help fund yearly maintenance at the airport. The lease agreement is being reviewed by the state department. Mayor Gagné accepted a question from the audience regarding the location of the land. CA McDaniel said it was on the eastside of the

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airport. As there was no further discussion and no further questions from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Presentation – Michelle Sandoval - FYRE Village Omak

Michelle Sandoval, Co-Director and Co-Founder of FYRE was in attendance to present a Power Point Presentation about FYRE Village. She reminded the Council that two years ago, she presented the same concept to the Council and now in 2025 the plan is very consistent. After her presentation, she reminded the Council that they approved the zoning for the facility and within the City of Omak Comprehensive Plan are policies for housing and residential development. She asked the Council for a letter of support that will be submitted with the funding application.

Member Womack asked about the funding of operation and maintenance of the building. Ms. Sandoval explained the funding sources. Member Womack asked about payment in lieu of taxes for emergency services. Because FYRE is a non-profit organization, they are not required to pay property tax that helps fund City of Omak public safety services. Ms. Sandoval said those cost were not planned but would be open to seeing what it cost for city emergency services to respond to a location.

Member Clark asked about how medical treatment and drug issues will be handled in the housing facility. Ms. Sandoval said there will be no drug use and rules will be in place for that.

Member Gaines appreciated all the information that was shared. She likes that FYRE is ensuring there is future funding for staff. Member Gaines asked about onsite alcohol as youth that are twenty-one that will be staying in the housing. Ms. Sandoval said that no alcohol will be allowed onsite.

Member Cariker said the FYRE Village will be a great addition. FYRE does a great job and its positive. She is in support.

Mayor Gagné asked about the ninety-one youth that are currently homeless and how FYRE supports housing now. Ms. Sandoval said although there is no housing onsite yet, they work to place young people in homes of friends or family that are not their legal guardians. They provide support with things such as groceries and healthcare to help stabilize the youth. Regarding FYRE, citizen Ronnie Jackson asked Ms. Sandoval about grant funders and information about spending and taxes for the non-profit.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CORE Program Manager Danielson reminded the Council about the Community Workshop this Wednesday. The Workshop will be held at the PUD Auditorium from 6pm-8pm. Space is limited, and some people may be turned away if they hit capacity.

CA McDaniel explained to the Council that staff have been working on the 2026 budget, and the 2026 Preliminary Budget will be available after 4pm on Friday, September 19th.


Member Cariker reminded everyone that next month is the Halloween Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 25th. The theater will host a free matinee, the Zombie Fun Run, lip sync contest, trunk or treat. Donations of canned food are encouraged that will go to the local food bank for the holidays. The library and FYRE will have a table at the event.

Member Lassila said the movie for the Harvest Festival will be the Corpse Bride and it will start at 12:30pm at the Mirage Theater.

Member Womack said he worked at the City of Omak fair booth, and he had a good time.

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As there was no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor

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