
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 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:

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. Jennifer Miller asked to address the Council. Mayor Gagné will add her to the end of New Business.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagné shared that last Thursday she attended an event "Celebrating Leaders in Our Community" hosted by Family Health Centers. She shared that Family Health Centers just celebrated their fortieth anniversary. Both Rochelle Danielson and Marc Doney also attended the celebration. It was a positive meeting; good conversation and it was nice to be invited.

Mayor Gagné read a letter she received from the Washington State Department of Ecology. The letter congratulated the City of Omak Wastewater Treatment Plant on receiving the 2024 "Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance" award. She thanked Public Works Director Beetchenow and his crew.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the August 18, 2025, meeting; 2025 claims checks numbered 113594-113653 in the amount of \$1,073,939.11; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 1954 – 2nd Read – Approve 2025 Budget Amendment - Airport Interfund

Loan

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve Ordinance 1954. City Administrator McDaniel reminded the Council this was the second reading of this Ordinance. The Ordinance will approve an Interfund Loan from Current Expense to the Airport Fund in the amount of \$200,000. At project closeout, the City will receive funds from the Federal Aviation Administration, and the loan will be repaid before the end of the fiscal year. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 51-2025 – Approve a Purchase from 4imprint – Kick'n it with the Cops Items

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 51-2025. Police Chief Christensen explained to the Council the items to be purchased from 4imprint is for the Kick'n it with the COPS event that C.O.R.E. Program Manager Danielson is organizing. Mrs. Danielson received quotes from two other vendors and found that 4imprint can deliver the items

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funds that will be used for the purchase were all donated by the local community. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 52-2025 – Fixing Time for the Annexation Petition Hearing

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 52-2025. Building Official Wells reminded the Council that last month the city received a letter of Intent to Annex. During the August 18, 2025, meeting, the Council voted to move forward with this process. The city has received the official Annexation Petition. This Resolution will set a hearing date of October 6, 2025, for the annexation request and petition. This date will give the city ample time to advertise. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 53-2025 – Approve the Acceptance of a Grant Offer with WSDOT Aviation

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 53-2025. PWD Beetchenow informed the Council the City received a grant offer from the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation. This grant will fund an estimated \$11,250 of the 2025 airport runway maintenance project. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 54-2025 – Approve Change Order No. 1 with Rudnick & Sons, LLC – Jonathan Avenue Improvement Project

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve Resolution 55-2025. PWD Beetchenow explained to the Council that Change Order No. 1 for the Jonathan project is the cost to move the two-inch irrigation line. The irrigation line was not where they thought it was going to be, and the line had to be moved to put in the storm drain infrastructure. Member Freel asked if the irrigation line was upgraded or just relocated. PWD Beetchenow explained that it was upgraded to a poly line. There was a question about costs to the Irrigation District. There was discussion as to locates during design/construction. PWD Beetchenow explained that a decision for the Change Order would keep the project moving forward. Member Gaines informed the Council that the Finance/Personnel Committee met and discussed the same questions and concerns. The Committee agreed the Change Order was best and recommends approval. As there were no further questions or comments, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 55-2025 – Approve Change Order No. 1 with JR Construction – Central Avenue Improvements

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Clark, to approve Resolution 55-2025. PWD Beetchenow explained to the Council that all the side sewer lines in the Central Avenue project were bid to be Burst. The contractor found that some of the lines needed to be open cut or upsized. This resulted in change of contract quantities. Member Gaines informed the Council that the Finance/Personnel Committee also discussed this Change Order and recommends approval. As there were no questions from the Council or comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 56-2025 – Approve the Rejection of All Bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier Improvement Project

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 56-2025. PWD Beetchenow explained to the Council the WWTP Clarifier Improvement Project was bid to install clarifier parts. Within that contract there was approximately seventy thousand dollars in painting requirements. This resulted in the project being over budget. He recommends the Council reject all the bids. They will go out to bid again and exclude the painting requirements. As there were no questions or comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Jennifer Miller – Citizen Comments

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Mrs. Miller introduced herself to the Council as a mother of two and a parent of children who are homeschooled. The Homeschool Classical Conversations group meet at the Omak Presbyterian Church on Friday's and use the Civic League Park playground. Prior to the children going out to the park, parents take it upon themselves to go out and comb the park for garbage, biohazards and dangerous people prior to the students going out. She acknowledges the park is a public park and wants to propose a solution. She proposed fencing the playground to create a boundary to improve safety of the children. The fence will keep children away from the street. She also proposed moving the swing set away from the alley to increase safety. She believes this would benefit the community. She appreciates all the city, and the police are doing. Member Womack asked about her vision for the fence. Mrs. Miller visioned something artistic, western and inviting. Mayor Gagné thanked her for coming up with a proposed solution. Member Cariker, Gaines, Foth and Clark really liked the idea.

Mayor Gagné recognized citizen Ronnie Jackson who was attending via Zoom. Mrs. Jackson did not agree with the fencing.

Member Cariker reiterated the proposed fencing is a good idea. She said that most parks do have fencing as it provides peace of mind for parents. Her focus is the safety of children, and she wants to make sure all children are safe in this town.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

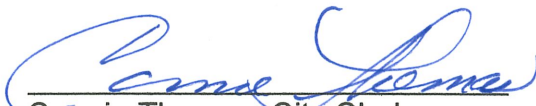
C.O.R.E. Program Manager Danielson explained to the Council that following the last meeting, she has organized a workshop. The workshop will focus on challenges facing the city and county to include homelessness, substance abuse and untreated mental health. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for September 17th, and space is limited to forty people. The workshop will be facilitated by a trained facilitator from Safe Step. This facilitator will be at no cost to the City of Omak. She suggested some attendees include a representative from various social services, community members along with a County Commissioner. She explained that this is an Okanogan County issue, but it's concentrated in Omak. She created a survey that will be handed out at the Fair Booth. This survey will help gather information and gauge citizens' interests.

Member Clark informed the Council that the Finance/Personnel Committee met, and CA McDaniel provided an update on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) building project at the airport. CA McDaniel is working toward a lease agreement with DNR. Member Clark said that a couple weeks ago he participated in a cleanup at Eastside Park with Team O.N.E. This is the first time he has done a cleanup and there was a good turnout.

Team O.N.E. volunteer Pat Pruitt said that she also attended the cleanup, and they covered the entire park.

CA McDaniel asked Member Womack about the date of the Pickleball Court ribbon cutting. Member Womack said that it's scheduled for Friday, September 12th at about 1:15pm.

As there was no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.


Connie Thomas, City Clerk


Cindy Gagné, Mayor