
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem Foth called the regular meeting of the Omak City Council to order at 7:00 PM and everyone joined in the flag salute.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:

Michael Foth	Patrick Dalton, Building Official
Nattalie Cariker	Kevin Bowling, Fire Chief
Barry Freel	Jeff Koplín, Police Chief
Steve Clark	Ken Mears, Public Works Director
Walt Womack	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Michelle Gaines- absent	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack	

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the December 4, 2017 meeting; claims checks numbered 18377-18430, in the amount of \$691,476.49 (check no. 18409 voided); October manual checks numbered 18372, 20432-20433T in the amount of \$2,668.90; November manual checks numbered 20434 – 20440 and electronic checks in the amount of \$3,660.99. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1850-2nd Read-Amend 2018 Budget-Drug Enforcement Fund

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Ordinance 1850. City Administrator explained that the Drug Enforcement Fund was budgeted at \$5,000 for 2017. The Drug Task Force contract came in at \$300 more than anticipated during the 2017 budget process. Since this is the only expenditure in the fund, we are over the approved expenditure. This Ordinance appropriates an additional \$300 for expenditure and reduces the ending fund balance by that same amount in the Drug Enforcement Fund. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Ordinance 1851 2nd Read-Non-Final 2018 Budget

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Freel, to approve Ordinance 1851. City Administrator McDaniel stated that City Council has held Budget Workshops and a Public Hearing as required by state law. There have been no changes to the 2018 Budget since the November 27, 2018 workshop. He thinks this is a fair representation of the revenue and expenditures for 2018. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

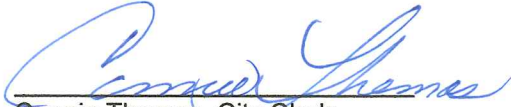
Member Clark told Council that the Personnel/Finance Committee met to review and discuss the proposed fee schedule. The fee schedule includes an increase in city utilities rates, permits and other fees. Member Clark added that Okanogan County is proposing an increase in tipping fees at the landfill. This may affect the city rates in the future. He said the City Administrator will be drafting a Resolution that will be on the January 2, 2018 Council agenda. The committee supports the changes in the fee schedule.

At the request of City Council, Public Works Director Mears provided an estimate to install a new light pole near the Breadline Café at the intersection of Ash Street and First Street. The only location for a new light pole is the northeast corner which will still leave the south corner dark. Member Clark asked about an "L" shaped bracket for two lights or installing a longer arm. There was also discussion about eliminating parking spaces to allow a better line of site. Member Dave Womack suggested a 4-way stop at that intersection. It may not be popular but it would stop traffic and travelers would have a better chance of seeing a pedestrian. Member Cariker would like to have better lighting. She said that another 4-way stop a block away from the 4-way at Ash Street and Central Street may clog the intersections. Public Works Director Mears will research the options and costs associated with them. He will bring the information back to Council for them to review.

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Member Clark thanked City Staff for working hard to provide Council with a balanced budget.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Foth adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Mike Foth, Mayor Pro-Tem