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**OMAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 6, 2017**

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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 everyone joined in the flag salute.

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:**

Michael Foth	Patrick Dalton, Building Official
Nattalie Cariker-absent	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	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Dave Womack	

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Dave Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the February 21, 2017 meeting; 2017 claims checks numbered 16659-16710, in the amount of \$163,732.98; February payroll checks numbered 16556-16558 and 16622-16657, in the amount of \$275,218.98; and manual checks numbered 20373-20382, dated from February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017 in the amount of \$1,294.72. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Proclaiming March 2017 as American Red Cross Month**

Mayor Gagné read a proclamation declaring March 2017 as American Red Cross month. The Proclamation encouraged the people of the City of Omak and our community to take steps to be ready for emergencies through preparedness activities. Also, to support the humanities mission of the Greater Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross by volunteering, getting trained, or donating. Red Cross members were in attendance to accept the Proclamation.

Mayor Gagné announced the Okanogan Community Coalition will meet on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at their office. She also shared that the Arbor Day Celebration is on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Eastside Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 14-2017-Approve Purchase of Wastewater Treatment Plant Rotor for East Ditch**

Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Foth to approve Resolution 14-2017. Public Works Director Ken Mears explained to City Council that the rotor will replace the existing rotor in the east oxidation ditch at the wastewater treatment plant. Member Freel asked about the timeline to acquire the rotor and have it operational. Mr. Mears said that it would take approximately ten weeks from the time the rotor is ordered. He said that the actual installation of the rotor only takes a day. Member Dave Womack asked if research was done on other alternatives sources for aeration. Public Works Director Mears replied that city engineers did research other options and found it would be more expensive, approximately six figures. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**Resolution 15-2017-Approve Purchase of 2 Fleet Pickups through the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 15-2017. Public Works Director Ken Mears explained that the two fleet vehicles are scheduled to be replaced through the equipment replacement program. The Ford F250 will replace the current public works vehicle number 277. The Ford F350 chassis will replace truck number 268 in the water department. Member Dave Womack asked if both vehicles are included in the 2017 budget. Public Works Director Mears affirmed that they are. The combined costs for

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both vehicles are \$58,799.32 and are under budget. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**Resolution 16-2017-Approve Purchase of a Snow Plow for the Approved Ford F250 4X4**

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 16-2017. Public Works Director Ken Mears told Council that the existing plow on vehicle number 277 is worn. The approved Ford F250 4x4 will need to be equipped with a new plow. Member Foth asked if the vehicles would still be under the budgeted amount of \$33,000. Public Works Director Mears affirmed that it is. As there was no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Staff Reports:**

Fire Chief Kevin Bowling reminded Council that the last couple of years, the training budget for the volunteers decreased to \$500. He has approved training for two of the volunteer firefighters totaling \$260. The training cost of \$260 takes into account an anticipated fifty percent reimbursement from the Fire District. Chief Bowling explained that it was early in the year and if a training opportunity comes up, he may approach Council for additional training funds. At this time, he is not asking for an increase but would like Council to be aware of the situation.

Public Works Director Mears advised Council of a pre-construction meeting that will take place at City Hall on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> for the Eastside Park Water Metering Project.

Member Freel asked staff about the status of the burned buildings around the city. He specifically asked about the PUB, the dwelling at 101 North Ash Street and 314 West Fourth. Chief Bowling told Council that he anticipated the PUB would be cleaned up by now. He also mentioned that the owner of 101 N. Ash has been talking with staff to come up with a plan. Building Official Dalton explained that if the city abates a property, the city could potentially own the property. He went on to say that sometimes the owner may not have funds to restore or clean up their property. The city may then find themselves in a position to pay the abatement bill. Member Foth asked if the city could lien the property in the amount of the cleanup cost. Building Official Dalton said the city could proceed with the abatement process but, he has seen other jurisdictions end up owning the property.

Member Gaines asked about the Air Quality meeting that City Administrator McDaniel referred to in his staff report. Administrator McDaniel explained that Sue Billings with the Department of Ecology approached the city about the air quality. He stated that the EPA is working on compiling data and the city may hit non-attainment within ten to fifteen years. Ms. Billings is also working to help the city set up a program to eliminate the need for outdoor burning. The DOE has money available to assist the city. Administrator McDaniel has reached out to the City of Okanogan and Sunrise Disposal on a potential spring cleanup or a neighborhood cleanup. Administrator McDaniel has also contacted Pete Palmer with the Colville Tribe to encourage their involvement in a cleanup. Member Gaines asked about the Economic Alliance property. Administrator McDaniel explained that the property was purchased with federal money for a business incubator project. The property is located south of the Federal Express building on Copple Road. The city was the lead agency when the property was purchased. Upon the sale of this property, the profit will go back to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He is hoping to sell this property by the end of this year.

Mayor Gagné asked Fire Chief Bowling about the status of the Fire Training Facility. Chief Bowling said they are moving ahead. A survey is scheduled within the next couple of weeks for the layout. He has talked to Randy's about the purchase of containers and getting them set.


Citizen Bjarne Olson approached Council about the burned buildings. He felt the owners should have insurance. He suggested the city adopt an Ordinance that would require business owners to have insurance when doing business. He feels this would help prevent future issues.

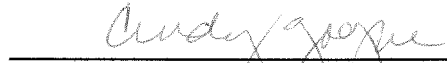
As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

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Cindy Gagné, Mayor