
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gagne 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 (zoom)
Meyer Louie	Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director (PWD)
Michelle Gaines	Cindy Hicks, Deputy Clerk
Dave Womack	Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager/Outreach Specialist
Mike Foth	Tyler Wells, Building Official - Absent

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen Ronnie Jackson shared with the City Council her comments regarding City programs and recent community events. Mayor Gagné thanked her for attending.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagné informed the council that last week several 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, who are part of the East Omak Summer Enrichment program, came to City Hall and performed a mock City Council meeting. She had met with them the day before and discussed the branches of government and how they work. The students created a script for a "Splash Pad Proposal", appointed a mayor and council members, fire chief and police chief and students to present the proposal to the council. They went through the process of discussion, safety and budgeting questions. Mayor Gagné stated they did an excellent job and thanked the city staff for their participation in the learning opportunity. The students then went and toured the fire department and witnessed a bolo wrap demonstration at the police department.

Mayor Gagné informed the council that she will be attending the Washington Collaborative Elected Leaders Institute, through the Association of Washington Cities, in Spokane at the end of July. She is part of a team of three that was selected to attend this training program.

Mayor Gagné informed the council that she attended the Skate Park Grand Opening and that it was very well attended with lots of give away merchandise. She had a great time and thanked the council for approving the funds that created a really great thing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the June 17, 2024, meeting; 2024 claims checks numbered 111403–111454 in the amount of \$468,923.08; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – Six Year Transportation Improvement Program 2025 to 2030

Mayor Gagné opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm. PWD Beetchenow explained that this is the annual update of the State's Transportation Improvement Program. He asked for questions or comments from the council or public. Member Gaines asked for clarification, that where it is stated in the document as "local funds" is this money city funds or is it TIB (Transportation Improvement Board program) funds. CA McDaniel stated that it is city funds. There was a brief discussion on roundabouts and Hwy 97. With no further discussion or comments, Mayor Gagné closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 pm.

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Resolution 52-2024 – Approve Acceptance of the WA State Criminal Justice Commission Officer Wellness Grant

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 52-2024. Chief Christensen informed the Council that Core Program Manager, Rochelle Danielson, wrote a successful grant for an Officer Wellness initiative through CJTC (Criminal Justice Training Commission). The Omak Police Department was awarded \$9,000 for this program which will fund \$7,000 for officer gym memberships and \$2,000 for police department wellness initiative activities. Member Clark asked for clarification that this is fully grant funds and Chief Christiansen confirmed. With no further discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 53-2024 – Approving the six-year Transportation Improvement Program for 2025 to 2030

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Freel, to approve Resolution 53-2024. PWD Beetchenow informed the Council that this is to approve the plan that was discussed in the public hearing. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Member Freel reported that the Infrastructure Committee approved a one-time water adjustment for \$288.75 at 522 Hillcrest Circle for a water leak that was found and repaired.

Member Womack asked if the Community Support and Public Safety Committee along with Chief Christensen, would be able to meet before the next City Council meeting on July 15, 2024, at 6pm. Committee members Cariker, Gaines and Chief Christensen agreed, and the meeting was set.

Member Clark reported the SWAC (Solid Waste Advisory Committee) met that night and went over their 6th seminar of redoing the comprehensive plan. Their next meeting is in August to go over recommendations and are in hopes that by the first of the year it will be finalized and put together for review.

Fire Chief, Jeremy Patrick informed the council that the city-wide burn ban was put in place July 1, 2024. With the county, the Fire Advisory Board is planning to meet July 8, 2024, to discuss the burn ban for the county.

Chief Christensen informed the council that the SRO classes for training in Washington are already full and so they have been looking elsewhere to send our new SRO Roberto Lopez to train. There are a couple out of state classes. One in Fresno CA next week and one in Nampa ID July 29 to August 2. He felt the one next week was too soon and would like to ask the City Council for "out of state travel" approval for the Nampa ID training. He stated that Officer Lopez had put some costs together for the training and travel and stated that the school shares the cost.

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Foth, to approve the out of state travel for SRO Lopez to attend training in Nampa ID. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

PWD Beetchenow informed the council that the sewer line is now under the river. They are working on getting both ends hooked up so that we can have a temporary service for now.

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CORE Manager Danielson informed the council that there were five entries for the Kickin it with the Cops t-shirt contest. She will be sending the designs out as a voting survey by the end of the week and we will have a winner soon.

CA McDaniel informed the council that he will be having a significant budget amendment coming to them soon. It includes the SRO revenues and some of the police grants and expenditures that came in after the budget approval. The staff has come up with a plan to sponsor the VIP tent at the Stampede rodeo. The request went to the Hotel-Motel tax committee and was approved. He felt the cost would be covered in the Hotel-Motel funds but will include it anyway in the budget amendment.

Member Cariker reported that she had attended the skate park grand opening. She and her kids had a great time. Her kids won a helmet and skateboards from the sign up. She was excited the council was able to get the grant and funds to assist in this project. She was unable to attend the FYRE event this year but stated she has attended in the past and it is a great event.

Member Louie asked PWD Beetchenow if the area around the skate park was going to have grass put in. PWD Beetchenow explained that it had already been seeded but it will be done again soon.


Member Clark reported that he was able to attend the scenario with the kids from the East Omak School Enrichment Program. He felt they did an exceptional job. He thanked Fire Chief Patrick and Police Chief Christensen for their participation.

TEAM O.N.E. Lead, Marc Doney, informed the council that they were successful in their first "Basic Training" class with seven new volunteers who passed and are now ready to go. There are two new applicants waiting for their training on July 9, 2024. There is now sixty-five hours of logged time for volunteers. Several programs will be up and running in July such as the Garbage and Graffiti program and Citizens on Patrol (foot only) program. They are completing the final process for the Walking School Bus (North Elementary) program and Crossing Guard (East Elementary) program. There is a Grand Opening scheduled for July 19, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a foot patrol through the city. They had a booth at the skate park where they had an opportunity to hang out with the kids and get a lot of information about the program. They are also working with the Omak Police Department to implement and produce some traffic emphasis events for things like pedestrian safety.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.



Cindy Hicks, Deputy Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor