
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 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	Tyler Wells, Building Official (BO)
Steve Clark	Jeremy Patrick, Fire Chief
Meyer Louie	Dan Christensen, Chief of Police
Michelle Gaines	Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director (PWD)
Dave Womack	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Mike Foth	Rochelle Danielson, C.O.R.E. Program Manager/Outreach Specialist
	Marc Doney, Team O.N.E.-absent

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Gagné asked if there was anyone in the audience who was not on the agenda that would like to address the Council. Mayor Gagné recognized Stampede President Leon Hoover and placed him at the end of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Gagné informed the Council that an intent to annex will be added to the agenda as a walk-on under F, New Business and it will be item number four.

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the September 3, 2024, meeting; 2024 claims checks numbered 111822-111892 in the amount of \$420,944.03; August 2024 Manual checks numbered 111645, 111663, 111664 (voided), 111666-111671, 111733, 111735, 111736, 111738, 111974-111797 and 111820 in the amount of \$502,088.25; August 2024 Payroll checks numbered 111734, 111801-111817 and ACH Payments in the amount of \$491,408.94. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 62-2024 – Approve Provisional Accredited Levee Agreement

Mayor Gagné reminded the Council that Resolution 62-2024 was tabled during the September 3, 2024, meeting. Member Gaines moved, seconded by Member Womack, to take Resolution 62-2024 from the table. CA McDaniel said he didn't have much to add. The Infrastructure Committee met and discussed this item. Signing the agreement will give the City of Omak two years to prove the two levees meet federal requirements. The Council can then determine if they need to do a study and if the Council chooses to do nothing, the flood maps will be as proposed. The two years will allow the City time to make good decisions to move forward. Member Freel informed the Council that the Infrastructure Committee met with City Attorney Howe and discussed the agreement. They recommend approval. As there was no discussion or further comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 63-2024 – Approve the Purchase of Extrication Equipment

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Womack, to approve Resolution 63-2024. Fire Chief Patrick explained to the Council the current extrication equipment was not National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant and it was purchased in the 1990's. The new equipment is battery operated and lighter weight and meets standards. This will allow for faster and easier extrication. Member Womack informed the Council the Community Support/Public Safety Committee met and recommends approval. CA McDaniel informed the Council if approved, he will bring a budget amendment to the Council for this expense. As there were no questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 64-2024 – Approve a Language Services Agreement

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 64-2024. City Clerk Thomas explained to Council this service would allow staff of the Municipal Court and City Hall to communicate

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with customers who have limited English proficiency. Member Womack asked if the service provides interpreters for various languages. Clerk Thomas deferred to Court Administrator Gaines as she did the research on this service. She informed Council the service did offer interpreting services for Spanish all other languages. City Clerk Thomas explained for languages other than Spanish the cost per minute was a little higher. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 65-2024 - Approve the Purchase of Picnic Tables

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 65-2024. PWD Beetchenow explained to the Council this resolution would allow the purchase of more picnic tables. The expenditure is funded by Hotel/Motel Funds. Councilmember Clark asked if these were replacements or additional tables. PWD Beetchenow informed the Council these are twelve additional tables. Depending on the year, they may purchase replacement parts. As there were no further questions or comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Letter of Intent to Annex a Certain Piece of Real Property

Building Official Wells informed the Council that he provided each member with a memo explaining the City of Omak received a letter of intent to annex certain property from owners, Robert and Ronna Tollefson. This is a little over one acre parcel of land lying contingent to the current City of Omak boundaries. The Council can entertain the request or not. If Council chooses to entertain the annexation, the applicant will submit a formal petition to annex. The Council has the option to forward the petition to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation or the Council can set a date for public hearing. Bob Tollefson was in attendance to answer any questions, there were none. Mayor Gagné asked the Council, what say you? Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve the intent to annex from Robert and Ronna Tollefson. As there were no questions no comments, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee/Staff Reports:

Stampede President Leon Hoover addressed the Council. Mr. Hoover provided the Council with preliminary financial information from the 2024 Omak Stampede concert and rodeo events. He said the Stampede Board has discussed security companies and booking another concert for the 2025 Stampede. Mr. Hoover also shared that carnival pre-sale tickets were good and that Paradise Amusement is the only carnival that will come. He closed stating; the Stampede Financial statements indicate a loss for the 90th Omak Stampede Events. Mr. Hoover asked the City Council if they would consider waving the 16% arena admission royalties for the concert and potentially the rodeo. The Stampede will still remit the five percent Admission Tax required by Omak Municipal Code. He explained to the Council that the Omak Stampede would like to retain those funds for next year's events. Member Cariker recommends this request be discussed by the Personnel/Finance Committee.


Member Freel informed the Council that Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) met and there was not quorum to conduct business.

Building Official Wells informed the Council that he has a couple of large commercial project plans in his office. He is seeing the fall push.

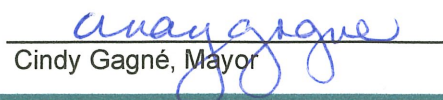
C.O.R.E. Program Manager Danielson thanked all those that helped at the Okanogan County Fair booth. She informed the council the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office has hired two Outreach Specialists to operate their new C.O.R.E. Program. She informed Council that she will be helping them build that program. She reminded everyone of the Community Wellness Events this weekend. Friday is the Community Wellness Event and on Saturday they are hosting two Wellness Events in appreciation of First Responders and their families.

Regarding Mr. Hoover's request to Council, Member Womack wanted to confirm a day and time the Personnel/Finance Committee would meet. Member Cariker will discuss that with the committee after the meeting.

As there was no further business before Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor

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