
**OMAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2024**

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 (Zoom)	Jeremy Patrick, Fire Chief
Steve Clark	Dan Christensen, Police Chief
Meyer Louie	Wayne Beetchenow, Public Works Director (PWD) - absent
Michelle Gaines	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Dave Womack (Zoom)	Rochelle Danielson, CORE Program Manager/Outreach Specialist
Mike Foth	Tyler Wells, Building Official
	Marc Doney, Team One Lead - absent

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Gagné asked for citizen comments. Citizen Ronnie Jackson asked to address City Council. Mayor Gagné will add Ms. Jackson as item number two under Old Business.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagné informed the Council the Omak Chamber has made a request to have a fireworks display for their Christmas on Main event. Chief Patrick provided a memo, the permits and the liability insurance. She said the request requires Council action and Member Foth moved, seconded by member Louie to approve the Fireworks Display Permit. Fire Chief Patrick had no issues with this request. As there were no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Mayor Gagné informed the Council that they all received a memorandum from City Administrator McDaniel. With this information she asked the Council if they needed another Budget Workshop. All were in favor of another meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

2025 Budget Revenue Sources and 2025 Ad-Valorem Tax

Mayor Gagné opened the public hearing at 7:03pm and asked for testimony. Member Foth reminded the Council the Ad-Valorem Tax hearing is heard by Council every year. City Administrator McDaniel informed the Council that this is the required public hearing on revenue sources and the possible increase in property tax. Revenues coming into the Current Expense Fund include sales tax projected at \$2.3 million, the new public safety sales tax projected at \$236,000, and utility tax which includes electric \$947,000. This fund also includes the property tax levy amount of \$968,000, revenue for goods and services about \$300,000, fines and penalties \$18,000, \$260,000 miscellaneous which includes leases and rentals. As far the Utility revenue funds, during the last Budget Workshop, it was discussed to maintain a three percent increase on the total utility bill. The Current Expense Fund provides revenue to the airport, library, and cemetery. Fuel sales in the airport fund for 2024 are about \$40,000 and the fuel revenue can fluctuate based on the fire activity. As far as increasing revenues, without going to a vote of the people, the City can only control the utility rates. He informed the Council that the overall sales tax is flattening out and state revenues are slightly below what was expected. CA McDaniel has revenues estimated for 2025 as flat. As there was no further testimony, Mayor Gagné closed the public hearing at 7:06pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Louie, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the October 21, 2024, meeting; minutes from the October 28, 2024, Budget

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Workshop; 2024 claims checks numbered 112056-112096 in the amount of \$399,288.04; As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1945 – 2nd Read – Amending the 2024 Budget for Various Funds

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker to approve Ordinance 1945. CA McDaniel reminded the Council that this Ordinance recognizes the purchase of the Fire Department extrication equipment, the expenditures and revenues in the Street Fund for the Transportation Improvement Board projects and the purchase in Equipment Rental for snowplows to be installed on the new dump trucks. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Citizen Ronnie Jackson

Citizens Ronnie Jackson read a statement to the Council expressing her concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Economic Alliance Power Point Presentation

Roni Holder-Diefenbach, Executive Director, was in attendance to share information about the economic development services they offer in Okanogan County. Mrs. Holder-Diefenbach introduced Kaelyn Marchand-Ankney, Business Outreach/Marketing Specialist and Mason Duke, Economic Development Specialist. Her staff also includes Leonel Marcial, Latino Outreach and Carolyn Davis, Program Assistant who were not in attendance. Mrs. Holder-Diefenbach shared a Power Point Presentation and provided handouts to the Council for Townhall Meetings, one of which will take place at Omak City Hall on November 13, 2024, from 5pm to 7pm. Another handout was a survey to get information on how the local economy could be improved.

Resolution 69-2024 – Approving the Award of the North Taxiway “A” Reconstruction

Rebid

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Gaines, to approve Resolution 69-2024. CA McDaniel informed the Council that PWD Beetchenow has been working on this project for a year. The project was put out to bid in April 2024. The funding did not get out on time and the bid time expired, and the contractor declined the project. The project was rebid, and Hurst Construction was the responsive, responsible bidder. The funding source is known but not how it's coming. Additional costs will be covered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) discretion funding or an additional FAA grant. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution 70-2024 – Designate the Official Newspaper of Record for 2025

Member Clark moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Resolution 70-2024. City Clerk Thomas explained to the Council that by RCW, the City is required to designate an official newspaper annually. The only bid received was from the Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle who bid \$15 per column inch. Member Foth asked if this was an increase, Clerk Thomas replied it was an increase of \$3.75 from 2024. As there were no further questions or comments, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Ordinance 1946 – Fixing the 2025 Ad-Valorem Taxes

Member Foth moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve Ordinance 1946. CA McDaniel explained that this ordinance would allow the City to take full advantage of the property tax levy in 2025 which is \$9,130 over last year which is an increase of one percent. The increase is less new construction or property improvements. CA McDaniel informed the Council that the levy rates are included in the 2025 proposed budget. As there was no discussion and no comments from the audience, the Council voted and unanimously approved the motion.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

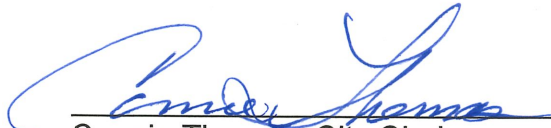
Committee/Staff Reports:

Building Official Wells informed the Council of the Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Hearing Examiner, Dale Crandall will hear an application for a Conditional Use Permit from the applicant Omak New Hope Project.

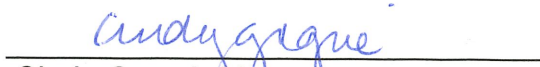
C.O.R.E. Program Manager Danielson informed the Council that the Kickin' it with the COPS event was a huge success. She also heard from a local sponsor; Family Youth System Partner Roundtable who wanted to donate \$1,000 toward the purchase of Rubiks Cubes to sponsor another event for the fifth-grade students.

Member Cariker said the Halloween Harvest Fest went well, there was a large group of participants at the movie and Zombie Fun Run. She thanked Public Works and the Omak Police Department for their help. Chamber is now working on Santa's House and the Parade.

As there was no further business before the Council, Mayor Gagné adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.



Connie Thomas, City Clerk



Cindy Gagné, Mayor