CITY OF OKANOGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
October 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Okanogan Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman O'Connor at 6:59 p.m.

The following were:
Present: Chairman Dennis O'Connor, Vice Chairman Bryan Smith, Members Jim Martin, Angie Morgan-Chilmonik, and Tony Yusi
Staff: Clerk 1 Kaylee Beetchenow, Building Official Bryan Forbus, and Planner Chris Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman O'Connor asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda. Hearing no alteration, Yusi moved to approve the agenda as presented. Smith seconded. No objection, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman O'Connor asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the minutes of August 10th, 2026, there were no changes suggested. Martin moved to approve minutes. Smith seconded. No objections, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

TMS & Wellness Façade and Sign Approval:

Proponent Ken Miller was present in case of questions. Building Official went through staff report with exhibits, including older photographs of the building from previous owners. Mr. Miller indicated he has another option for paint colors he can show the board and will provide them.

Brief Discussion

Mr. Miller has a swatch board and pointed to two different color options: Smoked Mulberry or Mountain Pine.

Yusi motioned to approve either color of Smoked Mulberry or Mountain Pine. Smith seconded. No objection, motion carried.

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4th Ave Parking:

Planner Johnson has been in discussion with the County about doing a use agreement for potion of 4th Ave by the Courthouse between Norman St. and Pine St, and then use of the parking lot by the Economic Alliance building. Planner provided map to look at. Planner is not asking the Planning Commission to make any decision, just wanted them to be aware of the discussion.

Brief discussion regarding the parking lot by economic alliance and the closure and or one-way in area of 4th between Norman and Pine.

1st Ave Parking

Private citizen asking to change the parking on first ave near the laundry mat. 1st is a large right of way road. Looking at parallel vs diagonal parking.

Brief discussion

STAFF UPDATE

Building Official : Building department has been very busy and has 38 building permits right now last year, only had 24 at this time. Possible new development north of town behind the PUD. Eric Judd is looking to do 6 duplexes. Forbus is still working with the school on their update/remodel project for the school district. There is also another potential project coming, an RV park on Elmway that will be going to the board of adjustments on Wednesday the 28th of October at 5:30 in a public meeting.

Planner: 09 money has been applied for. There are multiple applications one for each of the following: Legion Park, Alma Park, the Sports Complex and parking lot. Final notice of approval will not be out until November.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Clerk I, Kaylee Beetchenow

APPROVED:

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Dennis O'Connor, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kaylee Beetchenow, Clerk I

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