CITY OF OKANOGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
June 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Okanogan Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman O'Connor at 7:00 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, Martin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Morgan-Chilmonik seconded. No objection, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman O'Connor asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the minutes of April 13, 2026, there were no changes suggested. Smith moved to approve minutes. Yusi seconded. No objections, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Plan: Planner has found two grants available, Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Grant and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant. One has already been submitted, the other is due by July 15 and contingent on the Parks Plan being updated.

Brief discussion.

Yusi and Smith feel that Alma Park should be the priority. Planner states there are no grants for maintenance. One of the grants has no match required by the city. The other grant has a 25% match required.

Brief discussion on options for financing rehabilitation of parks, specifically Alma and the Pool.

NEW BUSINESS

Pool Facility Assessment:

Discussion of report submitted by G&O. Yusi appreciates that G&O had a contingency plan for rehabilitating what is currently there. Johnson tells members that there's been discussion about moving the location of the pool. Majority of members believe the Pool should stay where it is currently located, it is a convenient location off main road and by the river with large park area.

Planning Commission would like to see a prioritized essential list from G&O

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STAFF UPDATE

Building Official : Building department has two major projects going on now. The Airport Hangar and the Okanogan School District Wrestling room and roof.

Planner: Been in contact with the Okanogan School District and have had good conversations. Still need a full set of plans. The school is still working on the Cultural investigation. They have also agreed to the previous conditions set out in the 1990's connecting Nickell St and Boundary.

Re-test for the Airport Hangar toxin that was found has been done. Appears to be under the state clean up requirements but need to wait for a release from the Department of Ecology.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 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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