

**CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES
November 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Okanogan City Council was called to order by Mayor Turner at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN RECORD PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. 1226: 2024 Budget

Mayor Turner opened the 2024 Budget public hearing at 7:00 p.m. by stating the purpose of the hearing is to take relevant testimony on the City's proposed 2024 Budget.

Mayor Turner provided for any challenges to the Council's jurisdiction. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for the disclosure of any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues or disclose any pertinent facts. There was none stated.

Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for the disclosure of any ex-parte communication, such that everyone will have the benefit of the information. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present who wished to challenge any of the Council, or himself as the Hearing Chairman, for conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues in conducting this hearing. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner opened the testimony portion of the hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Turner asked for Staff to provide a Staff Report. City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake provided the Staff Report. City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake reviewed the information provided to council.

Mayor Turner provided for any Petitioners who desire to speak the opportunity, then those who signed in the opportunity to present testimony and then anyone present to present testimony, stating your name and address please. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner provided an opportunity for the Council to ask direct questions. There was none stated.

Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for the Petitioners and Staff the opportunity to rebut. There was no rebuttal offered.

Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for discussion amongst the Council. There was none.

Mayor Turner closed the hearing portion of the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and stated that during the business portion of the meeting the Council may discuss the ordinance.

The following were:

Present: Mayor Turner Councilmembers: Greg Oyler, Eric Lind Sr., Lisa Bauer, Robert Chilcote, Denise Varner, John Lyles and Robert Gillespie.

Also Present: City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, and Fire Chief Brad Armstrong.

Also Present through Zoom: Undersheriff Dave Yarnell from the Sheriff's office.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Turner asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda or Consent Agenda. Bauer moved, seconded by Varner to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Turner asked if there were any objections to the motion. Seeing no objection raised, the motion passed without objection.

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS

There were no pre-excused Councilmembers on the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of November 7, 2023 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 54050 through 54071 dated November 21, 2023 in the amount of \$137,453.14, and a Debit Card Transaction dated October 31, 2023 in the amount of \$200.68.00 were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Turner opened the floor for Public Comment. Seeing none offered, Public Comment was closed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director of Public Works Shawn Davisson submitted a written report but was not present at the meeting.

Fire Chief Brad Armstrong submitted a written report, answered Councilmembers questions and in addition reviewed the fire at the Quality Inn.

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report, reviewed the report and answered councilmembers questions.

Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus submitted a written report but was not present at the meeting.

Clerk's Office submitted a written report and in addition announced the following:

- Ecology Grant should be finalized soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports on the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1226 2024 Budget – 2nd Reading

Mayor Turner asked City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Ordinance No. 1226 2024 Budget for a 2nd Reading.

Bauer moved, seconded by Varner to adopt Ordinance No. 1226.

There was a brief discussion.

Ayes: Lind, Bauer, Chilcote, Varner, Gillespie, Lyles and Oyler

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Resolution No. 2023-05 – Charter Franchise Resolution – 2nd Reading

Mayor Turner asked City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Resolution No. 2023-05 Charter Franchise Resolution – 2nd Reading.

Varner moved, seconded by Lind to approve Resolution No. 2023-05.

There was a brief discussion.

Ayes: Gillespie, Lyles, Lind, Varner, Bauer, Oyler, and Chilcote

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

NEW BUSINESS

Progress Estimate No. 2 Simple Solutions

Mayor Turner asked City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Progress Estimate No. 2 Simple Solutions Okanogan Omak Pavement Maintenance.

Lind moved, seconded by Lyles that the City issue payment to Simple Solutions for Progress estimate No. 2.

There was a brief discussion.

Ayes: Chilcote, Lind, Bauer, Gillespie, Oyler, Lyles and Varner

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Waive minor irregularity Oak Street Improvements

Mayor Turner asked City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Waive Minor Irregularity Oak Street Improvements.

Varner moved, seconded by Gillespie that the City of Okanogan waive the issue for Rudnick & Sons LLC of a corrected Proposal Bond as a minor irregularity.

There was a brief discussion.

Ayes: Varner, Gillespie, Lyles, Lind, Chilcote, Bauer and Oyler

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Contract Award Oak Street Improvements

Mayor Turner asked City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Contract Award Oak Street Improvements Project.

Gillespie moved, seconded by Lyles that the City of Okanogan award the Oak Street Improvements project to Rudnick & Sons LLC.

There was a brief discussion.

Ayes: Lyles, Bauer, Oyler, Chilcote, Varner, Gillespie and Lind

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Turner opened the floor and invited Public Comment. Seeing none offered, Public Comment was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Councilmember Varner announced that Wednesday, November 29th at 5:30pm is the Tractor Lights parade. Santa Claus will be in the parade.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced:

- Asked council members if they are all receiving emails from AWC.
- Election Essentials workshop is coming up in December.
- Collected 600 boxes from our area for Christmas, Good Samaritan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Utilities Clerk Laura Divis

APPROVED:

Wayne L. Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Blake, City Clerk Treasurer