

**CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES**

February 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Okanogan City Council was called to order by Mayor Turner at 7:00 p.m. and those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were:

Present: Mayor Turner Councilmembers: Greg Oyler, Rob Gillespie, Lisa Bauer, Eric Lind, John Lyles, and through zoom Robert Chilcote.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Building Official Bryan Forbus, Fire Chief Brad Armstrong, and Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer Craig Caswell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Turner asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda or Consent Agenda. Oyler moved, seconded by Bauer 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

Councilmember Denise Varner was excused with passage of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of January 21, 2025 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 55696 through 55743 dated February 4, 2025 in the amount of \$270,266.50, Payroll Checks numbered 55619 through 55634 and 55680 through 55695 in the amount of \$146,033.81 for January 2025, and a Debit Card Transaction dated January 31, 2025 in the amount of \$548.70 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 Davisson submitted a written report but was not present at the meeting. Mayor Turner reported that Shawn received a report on the extent of damages on Queen Street from Gray & Osborne. Under the sidewalk and into the road, there is a large void and an unknown structure. We will be seeking funding for repairs.

Fire Chief Brad Armstrong submitted a written report. He reviewed his report and updated calls to 22.

Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus did not submit a written report but announced at the meeting:

- Four new permits
- No inspections
- Working on a short-plat application
- Rearranging his office to accommodate an additional desk for Craig.

Code Enforcement Craig Caswell submitted a written report and reviewed his report adding that the new code enforcement vehicle is in use.

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

- Well City application has been submitted for approval. The city will continue to be a Well City and save 2% on medical insurance premiums.
- Have been doing some refreshing to city hall. Surplus items will be presented for approval.
- The City has been awarded a \$1 million loan/grant from the Public Works Board for design of WWTP improvements.

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report but was not present at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports on the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1241 – Chapter 15.28 – Flood Damage Prevention

Mayor Turner asked Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Ordinance 1241 – Chapter 15.28 Flood Damage Prevention.

Gillespie moved, seconded by Lyles to accept the Planning Commission's recommended changes to Chapter 15.28 OMC and adopt Ordinance #1241, amending the City's Flood Damage Prevention code to comply with the minimum state and federal required updates.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes: 0 Noes

Interagency Data Sharing Agreement – Okanogan County

Mayor Turner asked Fire Chief Brad Armstrong to introduce Interagency Data Sharing Agreement with Okanogan County Sheriff's Office.

Lyles moved, seconded by Oyler to approve the Interagency Data Sharing Agreement and authorize Mayor Turner to sign the Agreement.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 6 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 Bauer announced:

- Attending City Action Days. Will not be at the February 18th council meeting.
- Attended Economic Alliance meeting.

Councilmember Oyler announced:

- Winter Warmer is February 5th at 6:00 pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced:

- Washington State legislature is in session. Explained how to look at all the different bills and to respond.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Utilities Clerk Laura Divis

APPROVED:

Wayne Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer