

**CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES
May 20, 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 Wayne L. Turner Councilmembers: Lisa Bauer, Robert Gillespie, Eric Lind Sr., John Lyles, Greg Oyler, Steve Streeter, and Denise Varner.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, and through zoom City Planner Christopher Johnson.

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

Steve Streeter was excused with passage of the Agenda and Consent Agenda but was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of May 06, 2025, were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 56100 through 56132 dated May 20, 2025 in the amount of \$77,407.29.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director of Public Works Davisson submitted a written report. In addition, he announced the following:

- ❖ Monitoring the Elmway water main extension project
- ❖ Monitoring the 3rd Avenue project
- ❖ Performed securing the gazebo at Legion Park

Building Official/Permit Administrator Forbus submitted a written report and was excused from the meeting.

Fire Chief Armstrong submitted a written report and was excused from the meeting.

Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Caswell submitted a written report and was excused from the meeting.

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

- ❖ Mayor Turner and Councilmember Gillespie reviewed the Annual Report
- ❖ Submitted the Annual Report to the State Auditor's Office
- ❖ Mr. Weitman signed the purchase agreement and it has been forwarded to the Title Company, closing is scheduled for on or before June 6th.
- ❖ Tentatively scheduled a meeting with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office on June 5th at 2pm for negotiations of our expiring agreement.

Planner Johnson reviewed the Staff Memorandum regarding ADUs and answered questions regarding it. In addition, he reported the following:

- ❖ Met with Okanogan School District Superintendent Quick and their architects and development team regarding the High School and Elementary School projects. They discussed the multiple zoning of the various properties and the possibility of some parcel consolidation and re-zoning to meet with the current standards.
- ❖ Boat Launch rehabilitation is a work in progress

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports on the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No.1243 Sanitation Rate Fee Schedule – 2nd Reading

Clerk Treasurer Blake introduced Ordinance No. 1243: Sanitation Rate Fee Schedule – 2nd Reading.

Bauer moved, seconded by Lyles to adopt Ordinance No. 1243.

There was no discussion.

Ayes: Varner, Gillespie, Lyles, Lind, Sr., Streeter, Bauer, and Oyler

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

NEW BUSINESS

Gray & Osborne Amendment 23 – 3rd Avenue Utility Improvement Construction

Public Works Director Davisson introduced Gray & Osborne Amendment 23 – 3rd Avenue Utility Improvements Construction.

Varner moved, seconded by Lind, Sr. to approve the Gray & Osborne, Inc. Amendment 23 and authorize Mayor Turner to sign the Amendment.

There was a brief discussion.

Ayes: Lyles, Bauer, Oyler, Streeter, Varner, Gillespie, and Lind, Sr.

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

TIB Consultant Supplemental Agreement – Gray & Osborne 3rd Avenue Improvements

Public Works Director Davisson introduced Gray & Osborne 3rd Avenue Improvements.

Lyles moved, seconded by Streeter to approve the TIB Consultant Agreement Supplement 1 with Gray & Osborne, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$283,200.00.

There was a brief discussion.

Ayes: Bauer, Oyler, Streeter, Gillespie, Lyles, Lind, Sr., and Varner

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Resolution 2025 – 3 – Petition for Right of Way Vacation

Planner Johnson introduced Resolution 2025 – 3.

Varner moved, seconded by Bauer to approve Resolution 2025 – 3.

There was a brief discussion.

Ayes: Lind, Sr., Bauer, Lyles, Varner, Gillespie, Oyler, and Streeter

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

Varner announced:

- ❖ Okanogan Days is June 7th.
- ❖ Okanogan Chamber voted Greg Hamilton Citizen of the Year 2024 and Body Kneads Business of the Year 2024

Bauer announced:

- ❖ AWC Collaborative Leadership training with the Ruckelshaus Center application has been submitted for herself and Mayor Turner, waiting for confirmation of acceptance

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner reported that he received the 2024 Solid Waste Advisory Preliminary Draft from Kent of the Okanogan County Central Landfill if anyone is interested in reviewing it. Additionally, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meets the 1st Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. and he is looking for volunteers to replace Councilmember Lind as the City of Okanogan representative if anyone is available to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart

APPROVED:

Wayne L. Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer