

**CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES
November 18, 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.

OPEN RECORD PUBLIC HEARING: 2026 Proposed Budget

Mayor Turner opened the 2026 Proposed Budget public hearing at 7:00 p.m. by stating the purpose of the hearing is to take relevant testimony on the City's 2026 proposed 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 information. 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. with the presentation of the Staff Report and then will provide 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 clearly please. No testimony given.

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

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

Mayor Turner provided opportunity for Petitioners and Staff 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 7:02 p.m. and stated that during the business portion of the meeting the Council may discuss the ordinance.

The following were:

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

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer Jessica Blake, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Susan Stewart, and Fire Chief Brad Armstrong.

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 4, 2025 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 56733 through 56774 dated November 18, 2025 in the amount of \$347,460.09, and a debit card transaction dated October 8, 2025 in the amount of \$165.00 were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director of Public Works Davisson submitted a written report and was excused from the meeting.

Fire Chief Armstrong submitted a written report. He reported he will be attending a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) debrief tomorrow with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office, Lifeline Ambulance, and Omak Fire Department.

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

Building Official Bryan Forbus did not submit a written report and was excused from the meeting.

Clerk's Office submitted a written report. In addition, Clerk Treasurer Blake announced the following:

- ❖ Finished up the Clerk's Office negotiations and their contract is under final review and will be presented for approval at the December 2, 2025 meeting.

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. 1251 – 2026 Budget – 2nd Reading

Mayor Turner introduced Ordinance No. 1251 – 2026 Budget.

Bauer moved, seconded by Streeter to adopt Ordinance No. 1251.

There was no discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

NEW BUSINESS

CIAW 2025 – 2026 Insurance Renewal

Clerk Treasurer Blake introduced 2025 – 2026 CIAW Insurance Renewal.

Gillespie moved, seconded by Varner to approve the 2025 – 2026 General Liability Policy through CIAW and authorize the premium to CIAW and broker fee to VIP Insurance Agencies be paid.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Integrated Underwater Services change order

Mayor Turner introduced Integrated Underwater Services change order.

Lyles moved, seconded by Bauer to approve Integrated Underwater Services change order in the amount of \$11,101.72.

There was a brief discussion.

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

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

Bauer announced she attended a Business After-hours at the Omak Library to discuss the remodel of the Library which is projected to take place in the Fall of 2026, with the Library being shut down for approximately 6 months.

Varner reported Wednesday, December 3, 2025 is the Farm Lights Festival with line up at 5:30 pm, the parade is scheduled to start at 6:00 pm, there will be hot dogs provided by Rawson's, cookies courtesy of 12 Tribes Casino, and hot cocoa served up by Crafted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced he is appointing Streeter to the Okanogan County Solid Waste Advisory Committee as the City representative and Varner will remain the alternate. There were no objections raised.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Deput Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart

APPROVED:

Wayne L. Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer