

**CITY OF OKANOGAN  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

**July 21, 2026**

**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, Lisa Bauer, and Rob Gillespie. Denise Varner through zoom.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, and Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Craig Caswell.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Councilmembers Steve Streeter, Eric Lind, Sr., Denise Varner, and John Lyles were excused with passage of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of July 7, 2026 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Claims Vouchers numbered 57599 through 57634 dated July 21, 2026 in the amount of \$108,362.26 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 and in addition announced:

- Installed fire hydrant connections for B&O Fire
- Performed cleanup around the Cemetery from B&O fire and assisted with fire efforts
- Attended a meeting with members of the Okanogan Kiwanis, who will be holding a Gazebo rededication at Legion Park on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am
- Received notification the Okanogan Wastewater Treatment Plant received an Outstanding Performance Award for 2025 from the Department of Ecology

Building Official/Permit Administrator Forbus did not submit 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, reviewed the information in his report, and answered Council's questions.

Clerk Treasurer Blake submitted a written report and in addition announced:

- Working on Budget preparation, Call to Budget will go out the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in August
- Staff attended a Springbrook presentation on new accounting software today

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports on the agenda.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2026-6 Declaring certain City owned property as surplus

Mayor Turner asked Clerk Treasurer Blake to introduce Resolution 2026-6 Declaring certain City owned property as surplus.

Bauer moved, seconded by Gillespie to adopt Resolution 2026 - 6.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

Ayes: Bauer, Gillespie, Oyler, and Varner

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes: 0 Noes

Ordinance 1255 – Water Rates and Charges – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Mayor Turner asked Clerk Treasurer Blake to introduce Ordinance 1255.

Oyler moved, seconded by Bauer to advance Ordinance 1255 to the August 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

There was a brief discussion.

Mayor Turner asked if there was any objection to the motion. Seeing no objection raised, the motion passed to advance Ordinance 1255 to the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT**

Bauer announced she will be presenting on “13 ways to kill your community” at the Okanogan Chamber of Commerce August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Caribou Restaurant at 12:00 noon

Bauer reminded councilmembers that AWC is hosting a webinar based on the book “13 ways to kill your community” at 10:00 am on July 22, 2026.

Bauer reported a Poverty Simulation will be held on September 17, 2026 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Omak Eastside Park Dance Pavillion with lunch being provided.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Planner Chris Johnson submitted a grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for a kayak launch at Legion Park through a collaboration with Rotary.

Mayor Turner reported Lil Miss Omak Stampede Maci stopped by City Hall to introduce herself and participated in a photo opportunity with City Staff and Officials.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart

**APPROVED:**

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**Wayne L Turner, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer**