

**CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES**

August 18, 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, Steve Streeter, Eric Lind, Sr., and Denise Varner.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Craig Caswell, Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus, and through zoom Chief Criminal Deputy Stephen Smith of the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office, and City Planner Christopher Johnson.

Excused: Rob Gillespie

Unexcused: John Lyles

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

Councilmember Rob Gillespie was excused with passage of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of August 04, 2026 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 57685 through 57736 dated August 18, 2026 in the amount of \$177,913.29, and two debit card transaction dated August 3 – 10, 2026 totaling \$359.87 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:

- ❖ Performed fire hydrant maintenance
- ❖ Performed preparing the Central Valley Sports Complex for a softball tournament
- ❖ Acquired a frontend loader from the City of Omak
- ❖ Acquired a new lawn aerator
- ❖ Participated in onsite meetings regarding the Okanogan School District wrestling facility/VO-AG project
- ❖ Performed setting up a temporary hydrant connection at the old Quality Inn for the DNR to use for dust control management
- ❖ Performed assisting to set-up a Heli-Base at the Okanogan Legion Airport

Building Official/Permit Administrator Forbus did not submit a written report, but announced the following:

- ❖ New Permit for a Daycare on 2nd Ave, North
- ❖ Performed a Foundation Inspection for the Okanogan School District Wrestling/VO-AG project
- ❖ New Permits for Okanogan School District – Plan Review
- ❖ New Permit application for a Duplex on 5th Ave, North
- ❖ New Permit application for a house remodel on 2nd Ave, South

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:

- ❖ Firefly is working up a budget for 2027 with regards to updating the server and other IT related resources
- ❖ Hoping to go live with the new website August 27th if the credentials can be secured, if not, sometime in the future

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report and Chief Criminal Deputy Smith reviewed the report and answered Councilmember questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Okanogan County Tourism Council Kiosk Presentation – Doug Woodrow

Mayor Turner introduced Mr. Woodrow. Mr. Woodrow and Mr. Josh Allenby reviewed their power point presentation regarding Tourism Kiosks and possible placement of one in the City of Okanogan.

Resolution 2026 – 7 Surplus Property

Clerk Treasurer Blake introduced Resolution 2026 – 7.

Lind, Sr. moved, seconded by Streeter to adopt Resolution 2026 – 7.

There was no discussion.

Vote on the Motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Passed: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes:

Resolution 2026 – 8 Parks and Recreation Plan – Planning Commission Recommendation

City Planner Johnson introduced Resolution 2026 – 8.

Varner moved, seconded by Streeter to adopt Resolution 2026 – 8.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the Motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Passed: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes:

AWA Backflow Contract Award

Public Works Director Davisson introduced AWA Backflow Contract Award

Oyler moved, seconded by Streeter to accept AWA Backflows quote and award the contract in the amount of \$1,839.08.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the Motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Passed: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes:

Local Agency Agreement – Gray & Osborne, Inc. – 2nd Ave Sidewalk Replacement Project

Public Works Director Davisson introduced Gray & Osborne Consultant Agreement for 2nd Ave Sidewalk Replacement.

Streeter moved, seconded by Varner to authorize Mayor Turner to sign the consultant agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for the 2nd Ave Sidewalk Replacement Project.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the Motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Passed: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes:

Memorandum Of Agreement – Teamsters Local 760

Clerk-Treasurer Blake introduced the Memorandum Of Agreement – Teamsters Local 760.

Varner moved, seconded by Bauer to authorize Mayor Turner to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters Local 760 to amend Article 15.3 of the 2026 – 2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

There was no discussion.

Mayor Turner asked if there were any objections to the motion. Seeing none, the motion passed without objection.

Okanogan Legion Airport State Capital Improvement Plan

Public Works Director Davisson introduced the Okanogan Legion Airport State Capital Improvement Plan.

Lind, Sr., moved, seconded by Streeter to approve the Okanogan Legion Airport Capital Improvement Plan.

There was no discussion.

Vote on the Motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Passed: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes:

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENTS

Bauer announced that she will be sending the Poverty Simulation Flyer which will be held Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at the Pavillion in Omak's Eastside Park from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Varner announce Harvest Fest will be October 3rd, 2026 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with a Pet Parade and Vendors.

Varner reported Okanogan County Public Health Update on Kratom a plant - based herbal supplement which acts like an opioid and is currently not federally regulated. Gas stations and Convenience stores counters nationwide are selling the "7-OH" enhanced/synthetic versions one brand listed is "Feel Free" which can be found as gummies, drinks, extracts, and other readily

available products, which are highly addictive. The FDA has crafted a Letter of Intent to make it a Schedule 1 drug classification if the letter is signed it would make it illegal to be sold in retail stores over the counter, hopefully preventing access to minors.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ad Hoc Committee for WA CELI Project

Mayor Turner announced Councilmember Bauer, Code Enforcement/Asst. Building Official Caswell, himself, and hopefully another Councilmember and at least one member of the public would form an Ad Hoc Committee to work on the City's WA CELI project to brainstorm ways to clean up and assist the community to make it more appealing and attractive to potential homebuyers and businesses.

Mayor Turner reported he will not be in attendance at the September 15th, 2026 or October 6th, 2026 Council Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart

APPROVED:

Wayne L Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer