

**CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES**

September 1, 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, Steve Streeter, Eric Lind, Lisa Bauer, Denise Varner, John Lyles and Robert Gillespie.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, and Building Official Bryan Forbus.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Turner requested the agenda be amended to add Greg Hamilton presentation under New Business after the Presentation by Doug Woodrow. Mayor Turner asked if there were any additional alterations to the Agenda or Consent Agenda. Varner moved, seconded by Bauer to amend the Agenda as stated and to approve the Agenda as amended 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 August 18, 2026 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 57752 through 57787 dated September 1, 2026 in the amount of \$99,370.80, and Payroll Checks numbered 57670 through 57684 and 57737 through 57751 in the amount of \$187,693.88 for August 2026 and a Debit Card Transaction dated August 28, 2026 in the amount of \$604.97 were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Turner opened the floor for Public Comment.

Lisa Turner, of Okanogan, would like the City's dog ordinance to allow 3 dogs, to not have a late fee for dog tags and not to require proof of rabies.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director of Public Works Shawn Davisson submitted a written report and in addition announced:

- Performed fire hydrant maintenance.
- Performed annual backflow testing.
- Performed hot mix asphalt patching.
- Performed preparing the pool for winterizing.
- Attended Evergreen Rural Water of Washington's Fall Conference.
- Attended the WSU Road & Street Conference.

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

- Four new permits.
- Performed School wrestling facility inspections.

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

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

- New city website is live.
- Reviewed dates for Budget Requests and workshops.

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

City Planner Christopher Johnson did not submit a written report and was excused from the meeting.

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report. Chief Criminal Deputy Stephen Smith attended through zoom.

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 Datafy/ Chamber Update Presentation – Doug Woodrow

Doug Woodrow gave an update on Okanogan County Tourism

Boat Launch – Legion Park – Greg Hamilton

Greg Hamilton gave a presentation about a non-motorized boat launch at the Legion Park.

Resolution 2026-9 Surplus Property

Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director Shawn Davisson to introduce Resolution 2026-9 Obsolete, Surplus, and End of Life Inventory.

Lyles moved, seconded by Varner to adopt Resolution 2026-9.

There was no discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

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

Councilmember Varner announced that Harvest Fest is on October 3rd.

Councilmember Bauer announced that Poverty Simulation is on September 17th.

Councilmember Gillespie announced that he is resigning from Council at the conclusion of the September 15, 2026 meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced:

- Interviewing for new Fire Chief September 2nd, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Utilities Clerk Laura Divis

APPROVED:

Wayne L Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer