

**CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES**

September 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Okanogan City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro tem Bauer at 7:00 p.m. and those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were:

Present: Mayor Pro tem Lisa Bauer Councilmembers: Rob Gillespie, 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 Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Craig Caswell.

Unexcused: Eric Lind, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro tem Bauer asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda or Consent Agenda. Varner moved, seconded by Streeter to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Pro tem Bauer 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 or Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of September 01, 2026 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 57803 through 57832 dated September 15, 2026 in the amount of \$77,932.73, were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro tem Bauer opened the floor for Public Comment.

Ryan Fontas of Okanogan expressed his interest in serving as a City of Okanogan Councilmember, getting more involved in his community, and submitted an application to City Hall earlier today.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

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

- ❖ Completed annual fire hydrant maintenance
- ❖ Helicopter fire base operations concluded on 09.11.2026, but will be coming back to do some additional clean up
- ❖ Jay Hurst is attending the Washington State Fire Mechanics Conference this week
- ❖ Public Works staff attended a retirement luncheon for Assistant Wastewater Treatment Operator Teena Vickers

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:

- ❖ Met with insurance adjuster reference the Airport Hangar project
- ❖ A special meeting will be held on September 23, 2026 at 5:30 pm to review applications for Council Positions 2 and 3
- ❖ First Budget Workshop will be held on October 6, 2026 at 5:30 pm, prior to Council. Preliminary budgets will be sent out October 1st.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Okanogan Library Presentation – Alyssa Cruz-Uribe

Mayor Pro tem Bauer introduced Ms. Cruz-Uribe. Ms. Cruz-Uribe reviewed the Power Point reflecting the various services available at the North Central Regional Libraries in Okanogan County and surrounding areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro tem Bauer opened the floor and invited Public Comment. Seeing none offered, Public Comment was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENTS

Varner announced Harvest Fest is October 3, 2026 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, the Pet Parade starts at 11:00 am and the Chamber is looking for additional Food Vendors to participate.

Bauer pointed out the Poverty Simulation will be held at the Dance Pavillion in Omak's Eastside Park on September 17, 2026 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, a poverty style lunch will be served.

Gillespie expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as a Councilmember for the City of Okanogan and the experiences he has gained through doing so.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm

Minutes taken and prepared by Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart

APPROVED:

Lisa Bauer, Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST:

Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer