

**CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 6, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

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

The following were:

Present: Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Varner Councilmembers: Greg Oyler, Steve Streeter, Brent Yusi and through zoom Ryan Fontas and Lisa Bauer.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Fire Chief Eric Lind Sr., Building Official Bryan Forbus and Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Craig Caswell.

Councilmember Oyler announced that Councilmember Lyles sent email stating he would not be in attendance tonight. Oyler moved, seconded by Streeter to excuse Councilmember Lyles from tonight's meeting. Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Varner asked if there were any objections to the motion. Seeing no objections raised, the motion passed without objection.

Excused: John Lyles

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Varner asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda or Consent Agenda. Oyler moved, seconded by Streeter to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented. Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Varner asked if there were any objections to the motion. Seeing no objection raised, the motion passed without objection.

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmembers Lisa Bauer and Ryan Fontas were excused with passage of the Agenda and Consent Agenda but were present on zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of September 15, 2026 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of September 23, 2026 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 57848 through 57890 dated October 6, 2026 in the amount of \$120,305.00, and Payroll Checks numbered 57788 through 57802 and 57833 through 57847 in the amount of \$163,646.31 for September 2026 were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Varner opened the floor for Public Comment. Seeing none offered, Public Comment was closed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

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

Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus did not submit a written report but reported to council:

- Ten new permits
- Five inspections
- CUP: New application for RV Park; Elmway and River St. Notice of application is out for official notice. Comments must be submitted by close of business October 22nd, 2026. Public hearing set for Board of Adjustments October 28, 2026, in the council chambers at 5:30pm.

Planner Christopher Johnson did not submit a written report and was not present at the meeting.

Fire Chief Eric Lind submitted a written report and reported he would have updated training hours at next Council meeting.

Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Craig Caswell submitted a written report and reviewed his report.

Clerk's Office submitted a written report and in addition announced the following:

- Completed WSDOT grant billings for 2nd Ave Sidewalks and Oak Street Railway Improvements.
- Completed PWB grant billing for WWTF design project.

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report but 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

Board of Adjustment Appointment

Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Varner asked City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Appointment to Board of Adjustment.

Streeter moved, seconded by Yusi to confirm the appointment of Brad Armstrong, Position 1, to the Board of Adjustment, term expiring January 2, 2029.

Motion passed without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Varner opened the floor and invited Public Comment. Seeing none offered, Public Comment was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Councilmember Bauer announced:

- Attended Economic Alliance and Community Action meetings.

Councilmember Varner announced:

- Attended Chamber county-wide meeting.
- Thanks to Public Works and City for work for Harvest Fest.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes taken and prepared by Utilities Clerk Laura Divis

APPROVED:

Denise Varner, Alternate Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer