CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES
November 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Okanogan City Council was called to order by Mayor Turner at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN RECORD PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. 1260: 2027 Budget

Mayor Turner opened the 2027 Budget public hearing at 7:01 p.m. by stating the purpose of the hearing is to take relevant testimony on the City's proposed 2027 Budget.

Mayor Turner provided for any challenges to the Council's jurisdiction. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for the disclosure of any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues or disclose any pertinent information. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for the disclosure of any ex-parte communication, such that everyone will have the benefit of the information. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present who wished to challenge any of the Council, or himself as the Hearing Chairman, for conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues in conducting this hearing. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner opened the testimony portion of the hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Turner asked for Staff to provide a Staff Report. City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake provided the Staff Report and reviewed the information provided to council.

Mayor Turner provided for any Petitioners who desire to speak the opportunity, then those who signed in the opportunity to present testimony and then anyone present to present testimony, stating your name and address please. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner provided an opportunity for the Council to ask direct questions. There was none stated.

Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for the Petitioners and Staff to rebut. There was no rebuttal offered.

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Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for discussion amongst the Council. There was none.

Mayor Turner closed the hearing portion of the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and stated that during the business portion of the meeting the Council may discuss the ordinance.

The following were:

Present: Mayor Turner Councilmembers: Greg Oyler, Ryan Fontas, John Lyles, Steve Streeter, Denise Varner and Brent Yusi.

Also Present: Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus, Fire Chief Eric Lind Sr., Code Enforcement Craig Caswell and City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake through zoom.

Unexcused: Lisa Bauer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Turner 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. 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 and Public Hearing of October 20, 2026 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 57958 through 57993 dated November 3, 2026 in the amount of $90,191.01 and Payroll Checks numbered 57892 through 57905 and 57943 through 57959 in the amount of $135,212.43 for October 2026, a Debit Card Transaction dated September 1, 2026 in the amount of $159.13, a Debit Card Transaction dated September 30, 2026 in the amount of $563.24, a Debit Card Transaction dated October 1, 2026 in the amount of $244.95 and a

Debit Card Transaction dated October 8, 2026 in the amount of $180.00 were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Turner opened the floor for Public Comment.
Angie Morgan Chilmonik from Omak thanked the council for putting the Task Force back into the cities budget and relayed the proceedings at the last City of Omak council meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

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

- Performed shutdown on the arsenic removal plant for the season.
- Completed annual mainline valve exercising.
- Performed shutting down restrooms in parks for the season.
- Performed winter equipment maintenance.
- Attended the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council Conference in Wenatchee.
- Interviewed for Maintenance I positions today.
- Congratulated Clint Little for receiving the Department of Ecology Waste Water Award.

Fire Chief Eric Lind Sr. submitted a written report. He reviewed his report and updated calls to 178.

Code Enforcement Craig Caswell submitted a written report and reviewed his report.

Sheriff's Department submitted a written report but did not attend the meeting.

Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus submitted a written report and while reviewing his report he updated:

- New application for Bosco Pizzeria at 123 2nd North has been issued.
- New application for Okanogan Garden Apartments ADA remodel needs additional information.

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

- State Auditors have contacted the city and are auditing years 2024 and 2025. They will be on site next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports on the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 1257 2027 Ad Valorem 1% Property Tax Increase – 2nd Reading

Mayor Turner introduced Ordinance No. 1257: Ad Valorem 1% Property Tax Increase for 2027 for a 2nd Reading.

Varner moved, seconded by Yusi to adopt Ordinance No. 1257.

There was no discussion.

Ayes: Fontas, Streeter, Varner, Yusi, Lyles and Oyler

Noes: None

Motion carried: 6 Ayes: 0 Noes

Ordinance 1258 2027 Fee Schedule – 2nd Reading

Mayor Turner introduced Ordinance No. 1258: 2027 Fee Schedule – 2nd Reading.

Lyles moved, seconded by Streeter to adopt Ordinance No. 1258.

There was no discussion.

Ayes: Yusi, Lyles, Fontas, Varner, Oyler and Streeter

Noes: None

Motion carried: 6 Ayes: 0 Noes

Ordinance 1259 Utility Tax Rates

Mayor Turner introduced Ordinance No. 1259 Utility Tax Rates.

Oyler moved, seconded by Streeter to adopt Ordinance No. 1259.

There was a brief discussion.

Ayes: Streeter, Fontas, Yusi, Oyler, Lyles and Varner

Noes: None

Motion carried: 6 Ayes: 0 Noes

NEW BUSINESS

Mid Valley Hospital & Clinic Update – Andy Bertapelle, CEO
Mr. Bertapelle gave a presentation on expanding Mid Valley Hospital and Clinic. Building a new bigger clinic will bring in more providers so that patients can have more specialized care closer to home.

Ordinance No. 1260 - 2027 Budget – 1st Reading

Mayor Turner introduced Ordinance No. 1260: 2027 Budget – 1st Reading.

Streeter moved, seconded by Varner to advance Ordinance No. 1260 to the November 17th, 2026 regular Council meeting for a second reading.

There was a brief discussion.

Mayor Turner asked if there were any objections to the motion. Seeing no objection, the motion carried.

Motion Advanced to November 17, 2026 Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Turner opened the floor and invited Public Comment.
Angie Morgan Chilmonik provided a comment in response to discussion during the budget Ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Councilmember Varner announced:
- Worked on trail maintenance at Woody Trail.
- Rotary has donated $30,000 to support River project, Kiwanis has donated $15,000 and asking $250,000 from the city.
- December 4th is the Farm Lights Festival.

Councilmember Streeter announced:
- Attended and reviewed Solid Waste Advisory Council meeting.

Councilmember Yusi announced:
- Being a Kiwanis member, very supportive of the Kiwanis donating $15,000 to a worthwhile project.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced:

- Attended Mayor's Exchange:
    - Economic development
    - Legislative Agenda
    - Community Connection
    - Crisis Situation
    - Jr Councils

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Utilities Clerk Laura Divis

APPROVED:

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Wayne L. Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jessica Blake, City Clerk Treasurer