CITY OF OKANOGAN
VIRTUAL MEETING
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Virtual Meeting of the Okanogan City Council was called to order by Mayor Culp at 7:00 p.m. through Zoom.

Present: Mayor Jon K. Culp Councilmembers: Lisa Bauer, Rob Gillespie, Eric S. Lind, Sr., Greg Oyler, Denise Varner, and Wayne Turner.

Present: Clerk-Treasurer Amber Scott, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart, and Public Safety Director Jeremy Patrick.

Unexcused: Patricia Stanton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Culp asked if there were any other alterations to the Agenda and Consent Agenda. Varner moved, seconded by Oyler to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Culp 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 but was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of March 01, 2022 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 52000 through 52034 in the amount of $97,654.08 dated March 15, 2022, were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presentation by Gardinier Tech-Greg Gardinier, Council Chambers Audio System

Mr. Gardinier reviewed his virtual presentation outlining the proposed audio/ visual system for the Okanogan Council Chambers.

There was a lengthy discussion with a wide variety of questions for Mr. Gardinier.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director of Public Works Davisson submitted a written report.

Public Safety Director Patrick submitted a written report and answered questions.

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

- Working on close out for 2015 Department of Ecology project
- Received notification of a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) compliance report due
- Advertised for one Pool Manager and some Lifeguard positions: currently 8 guards returning from last year

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports on the Agenda or Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint New Primary Representative for OCOG-Okanogan Council of Government

Mayor Culp introduced the designating a new representative for the Council of Governments (OCOG).

Bauer moved, seconded by Lind that the Okanogan City Council authorize Mayor Culp to designate Wayne Turner as the main representative and keep Shawn Davisson as the secondary representative.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: Turner

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes: 1 Abstention

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Culp opened the floor for Public Comment. Seeing no Public in attendance, Public Comment was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Lind announced that he will not be in attendance in person at the April 05, 2022 Council Meeting

Turner announced that he may/may not be in attendance in person at the April 05, 2022 Council Meeting

Varner announced that she will be absent for the April 05, 2022 Council Meeting, but may attend remotely

Varner announced the Okanogan Chamber of Commerce and the Pilot's Association plan to host a Fly-In at the Okanogan Legion Airport on September 17, 2022 and the Omak/Okanogan Rotary will be serving hots dogs

Bauer inquired about the individual (homeless) currently occupying the corner in front of Okanogan County Community Action and their well-being

Public Safety Director Patrick reported he is working with City of Okanogan Planner Johnson and Okanogan County Sheriff Hawley regarding how to address the current situation Bauer referred to as well as:

- Planning for the upcoming nicer weather
- The big picture
- What could potentially be coming
- How to approach what can be done legally to address it

Public Safety Director Patrick expressed the need for scheduling a Public Safety Committee Meeting to discuss what options the City of Okanogan has to address homelessness moving forward.

Turner stated as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee the meeting could be held via ZOOM if it is urgent, however he would prefer to hold an in-person meeting to discuss the situation.

Gillespie inquired if the April 05, 2022 Council Meeting is planned to be in-person in Council Chambers.

Gillespie asked how much is currently budgeted from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Audio/Visual System for the Council Chambers

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Oyler and Bauer asked if there is a way to put a button on the front page of the City Website to take citizens to the Complaint Form more easily?

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Culp stated he will send out an email to the Public Safety Committee with available dates to hold a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart

APPROVED:

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Jon K. Culp, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amber Scott, Clerk-Treasurer

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