CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES

April 1, 2025

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, Lisa Bauer, John Lyles, Rob Gillespie, Denise Varner and Steven Streeter.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Code Enforcement/Animal Control Craig Caswell and through zoom Public Works Director Shawn Davisson and Undersheriff Dave Yarnell.

Excused: Eric Lind

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Turner asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda or Consent Agenda. Bauer moved, seconded by Varner 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

Councilmember Eric Lind was excused with passage of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of March 18, 2025 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 55924 through 55966 dated April 1, 2025 in the amount of $641,364.29, Payroll Checks numbered 55860 through 55875 and 55908 through 55923 in the amount of $130,832.26 for March 2025, and a Debit Card Transaction dated March 31, 2025 in the amount of $549.81 were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Turner opened the floor for Public Comment. Seeing none offered, Public Comment was closed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

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

- Monitoring the backup generator project.
- Monitoring the Elmway water main extension project.
- Performed street sweeping operations and tree trimming.
- Performed hiring two seasonal employees.
- Arbor Day will be April 25th at 11 am at J.C. Park.

Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer Craig Caswell submitted a written report. He reviewed his report and answered councilmembers questions.

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

- Staff has given out 2000 paper yard waste bags in the past week and a half.
- AWC issued a call to action to urge legislators to maintain Public Works Assistance account, which funds City projects.

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report and in addition, Undersheriff Yarnell reviewed the report with council and answered councilmembers questions.

Fire Chief Brad Armstrong submitted a written report to council but was not in attendance.

Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus did not submit a written report and was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports on the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Progress Estimate #1 – Elmway Watermain Extension – Rudnick & Sons LLC
Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director to introduce Progress Estimate #1 – Elmway Watermain Extension.

Varner moved, seconded by Gillespie that the City issue payment to Rudnick & Sons LLC for Progress Estimate 1.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes: 0 Noes

Progress Estimate #3 – Power Outage Resilience – Rudnick & Sons LLC
Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director to introduce Progress Estimate 3 – FEMA power Outage Resilience Project – Well 4 & 5.

Lyles moved, seconded by Oyler that the City issue payment to Rudnick & Sons LLC for Progress Estimate 3.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes: 0 Noes

Change Order #1 – Elmway Watermain Extension – Rudnick & Sons LLC
Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director Shawn Davisson to introduce Change order 1 – Elmway Watermain Extension Project.

Oyler moved, seconded by Streeter that the City approve Change Order 1 for the Elmway Watermain Extension project.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes: 0 Noes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Turner opened the floor and invited Public Comment.
Okanogan librarian Sara McVay updated council on positive happenings at the library.
Melissa Little, area manager for NCW Libraries gave kudos to Sara for a job well done.

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Councilmember Varner announced:

- April 16th: Rotary and HS Key Club Steak Night
- April 22nd: Public workshop at OBHC
- April 23rd: Town Tidy up at 3:30pm
- April 26th: Food Truck Festival 4-9pm

Councilmember Gillespie announced that Okanogan School District is having a replacement levy.

Councilmember Bauer updated council on the Economic Alliance meeting she attended.

MAYOR'S REPORT

National Library Workers Day Proclamation
Mayor Turner proclaimed Tuesday, April 8, 2025 as National Library Workers Day. Mayor Turner encouraged all in this community to take advantage of the variety of library resources available and to thank library workers for their exceptional contributions to American life. Dated this 1st day of April in the year 2025.

He will not be in attendance at the April 15th council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 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, Clerk Treasurer