CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES

May 7, 2024

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, Steve Streeter, John Lyles, Eric Lind, Lisa Bauer, Denise Varner and through zoom Rob Gillespie.

Also Present: Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Fire Chief Brad Armstrong, Code Enforcement/Animal Control Craig Caswell, Building Official Bryan Forbus and through zoom City Planner Christopher Johnson, and Undersheriff Dave Yarnell.

Mayor Turner announced that Councilmember Gillespie would not be in attendance and asked to be excused. Councilmember Bauer moved, seconded by Councilmember Lyles, to excuse Robert Gillespie from tonight's meeting. No objections.

Excused: Robert Gillespie

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Turner asked if there were any alterations to the Amended Agenda or Consent Agenda. Varner moved, seconded by Oyler to approve the Amended 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 of April 15, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2025 and Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2025 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 56039 through 56083 dated May 6, 2025 in the amount of $384,343.58, Payroll Checks numbered 55967 through 55982 and 56023 through 56038 in the amount of $141,877.86 for April 2025, and a Debit Card Transaction dated April 30, 2025 in the amount of $549.85 were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Turner opened the floor for Public Comment.

- The new CEO of Mid Valley Hospital, Andy Bertapelle, introduced himself to the members of the council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

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

- Monitoring the Elmway water main extension project.
- The generators were hooked up today and they are very quiet.
- Thanked Councilmember Streeter for his help at Arbor Day,
- Chad Stansbury obtained a WA DOH Water Treatment Plant Operator 1 Certification.
- Chad Stansbury and Chad Patterson attended mosquito training/fogger calibration in Moses Lake.
- Performed road closure & detour for food truck event.
- Performed placing picnic table & trash receptacles for food truck event.
- Attended a pre-con meeting today with G & O and Pipkin Construction. Soft start will be next Monday.

Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus submitted a written report to Council. He reviewed his report and answered councilmembers questions.

Fire Chief Brad Armstrong submitted a written report to council. He reviewed his report and updated the calls to 90.

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

Planner Christopher Johnson announced:

- Working on Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance.

Clerk's Office submitted a written report to council.

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report to council. Undersheriff Yarnell reviewed the report and answered councilmembers questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports on the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase Agreement Parcels 1060020700 & 1060020800
Mayor Turner introduced property purchase agreement for parcels 1060020700 & 1060020800.

Oyler moved, seconded by Lyles to authorize Mayor Turner to move forward with a standard purchase agreement for parcels 1060020700 and 1060020800 in the amount not to exceed $40,000.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Sunrise Agreement Amendment
Mayor Turner introduced the Sunrise Agreement Amendment.

Bauer moved, seconded by Streeter to approve the Sunrise Disposal Agreement Amendment and authorize Mayor Turner to sign the amendment documents.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Ordinance 1243 – Sanitation Fee Schedule – 1st Reading
Mayor Turner introduced Ordinance 1243 – Sanitation Rate Update – 1st Reading.

Lyles moved, seconded by Bauer to advance Ordinance No. 1243 to the May 20, 2025 meeting for a second reading.

There was a brief discussion.

Motion Passed without objection.

Blue Logix
Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director Shawn Davisson to introduce City of Okanogan Public Works Water Department SCADA Upgrade Amendment #2.

Varner moved, seconded by Lind to accept the Blue Logix amendment #2 in the amount of $639.88.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Progress Estimate 2 Elmway Watermain Extension Rudnick & Sons
Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director Shawn Davisson to introduce Progress Estimate No. 2 Rudnick & Sons LLC, Elmway Watermain Extension Project.

Varner moved, seconded by Bauer that the City issue payment to Rudnick & Sons LLC for Progress Estimate 2.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Silverthorn Easement
Mayor Turner asked City Planner Christopher Johnson to introduce the Silverthorn Easement.

Bauer moved, seconded by Lyles to authorize the Mayor to accept the proposed grant of easement for the described easement through and across APN 1220340011.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Councilmember Bauer announced:
- Attended a Data Center forum in Wenatchee.
- Worksource Event-Okanogan Workforce Collaboration Summit 2025 at the Agri-Plex on May 13th 9am – 3pm.

Councilmember Varner announced:
- Thank you to Shawn and staff for all their work for/during food truck event.
- Nominations will close tomorrow for Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year.
- Rotary Club Fishing Derby in Conconully on May 17th 6am – 11am.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced:
- Approved Swim Team Saturday Swim event to move to a Sunday event.
- Thank you for covering for me while I was gone.

- Lisa Bauer and I will be signing up for WA Collaborative Elected Leaders Institute; if anyone else is interested, let me know.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 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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Laura Divis, Utilities Clerk