CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES

July 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, Steve Streeter, John Lyles, Eric Lind, Denise Varner and Robert Gillespie.

Also Present: Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Building Official Bryan Forbus, Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Craig Caswell and through zoom Fire Chief Brad Armstrong.

Mayor Turner announced that Councilmember Bauer emailed saying that she would not be in attendance tonight. Varner moved, seconded by Streeter to excuse Lisa Bauer from tonight's meeting. No objections.

Excused: 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 Lyles 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 June 17, 2025 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 56253 through 56282 dated July 1, 2025 in the amount of $699,670.91, and Payroll Checks numbered 56180 through 56195 and 56236 through 56252 in the amount of $162,883.19 for June 2025 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:

- Performed installing new pool covers.
- Performed exterior painting at City Hall.
- Performed repairs at the Legion Parks restrooms due to vandalism.
- Attended an Okanogan Legion Airport quarterly meeting.
- Performed monitoring the 3rd Avenue project; water connections should be completed tomorrow.
- Updated council on the Railroad crossing upgrade and the 2nd Avenue sidewalk project.

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

- Currently have six new permits; two are for duplexes.
- Framing inspection for the new coroner building.

Fire Chief Brad Armstrong submitted a written report to council and announced:

- Updated department stats to 121 calls
- County has a burn restriction in place not a burn ban.

Clerk's Office submitted a written report.

Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Craig Caswell submitted a written report to council and in addition announced:

- Updated camping in Legion park to two closed cases.

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

Change Order 1 – 3rd Avenue Reconstruction & Utility Replacement – Pipkin Construction

Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director Shawn Davisson to introduce Change order 1 – 3rd Avenue Reconstruction & Utility replacement – Pipkin Construction.

Lind moved, seconded by Streeter to approve Change Order 1 for the 3rd Avenue Reconstruction & Utility Replacement project.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes: 0 Noes

Progress Estimate 1 – 3rd Avenue Reconstruction & Utility Replacement – Pipkin Construction

Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director Shawn Davisson to introduce Progress Estimate 1 – 3rd Avenue reconstruction & Utility replacement – Pipkin Construction.

Gillespie moved, seconded by Lyles that the City issue payment to Pipkin Construction for Progress Estimate 1.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes: 0 Noes

Ordinance 1246 – Colville Tribes Franchise Agreement – 1st Reading

Mayor Turner introduced Ordinance 1246 – Colville Tribes Franchise Agreement – 1st Reading.

Varner moved, seconded by Oyler to advance Ordinance 1246 to the July 15th council meeting.

There was a brief discussion.

Mayor Turner asked if there were any objects to the motion. Motion Carried with out Objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Councilmember Gillespie updated council on the Economic Alliance meeting he attended.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced:

- Councilmember Bauer and he attended the first session of the Washington Collaborative Elected Leaders Institute at the AWC annual conference in Kennewick.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 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