CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES
July 15, 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 Wayne L. Turner Councilmembers: Lisa Bauer, Eric Lind Sr., John Lyles, Greg Oyler, and Denise Varner.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Fire Chief Brad Armstrong, and Undersheriff Dave Yarnell of the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office via zoom.

Excused: Steve Streeter and Rob Gillespie

Bauer announced that Gillespie would not be in attendance and made the motion to excuse him, seconded by Lyles. Mayor Turner asked if there were any objections to the motion. Seeing no objections, Gillespie was excused.

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 Steve Streeter was excused with passage of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of July 01, 2025 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 56299 through 56336 dated July 15, 2025 in the amount of $194,489.19 were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director of Public Works Shawn Davisson submitted a written report. In addition, he announced the following:

- Public Works staff have been monitoring the 3rd Avenue project
- Assisting the contractor on the 3rd Avenue project
- Will be cleaning up wind damage from the high winds Monday and today

Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus was excused from the meeting.

Fire Chief Brad Armstrong submitted a written report and announced the following:

- Calls increased from 129 to 132
- Incident on Greenacres Fire - waiting on the official report for:
  - Actual number of structures lost
  - Actual monetary amount of losses
- State mobilization was approved at 8:30 pm
- Last local units were released at 11:30 pm
- Still under investigation as to the actual cause of the fire
- News Media have been referred to Okanogan County Emergency Management

Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Craig Caswell submitted a written report and was excused from the meeting.

Clerk's Office submitted a written report and Clerk Treasurer Blake announced she had nothing further to report.

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report, and Undersheriff

Yarnell reviewed the information in the report and answered questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports on the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1246 – Colville Tribes Franchise Agreement – 2nd Reading

Clerk Treasurer Blake introduced Ordinance No. 1246 Franchise Agreement between the City of Okanogan and Colville Confederated Tribes – 2nd Reading.

Varner moved, seconded by Lyles to adopt Ordinance No. 1246.

There was no discussion.

Ayes: Lind, Sr., Bauer, Varner, Lyles, and Oyler

Noes: None

Motion carried: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes

NEW BUSINESS

Power Outage Resilience Project Acceptance and Close Out

Public Works Director Davisson introduced Final Progress Estimate 4 – Project Closeout for the Power Outage Resilience Project.

Lyles moved, seconded by Lind, Sr. to accept the Power Outage Resilience project as complete, authorize payment to Rudnick & Sons for Progress Estimate 4 and direct staff to complete the project closeout.

There was no discussion.

Ayes: Lyles, Lind, Sr., Varner, Bauer, and Oyler

Noes: None

Motion carried: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes

WSDOT Local Agency Agreement – 2nd Avenue Sidewalk Replacement Project

Public Works Director Davisson introduced WSDOT – Local Agency Agreement – Funding Award Acceptance.

Varner moved, seconded by Bauer to accept the STBG funding award for the 2nd Avenue Sidewalk Replacement project and authorize Mayor Turner to sign the Local Agency Agreement once comments are returned from WSDOT and to sign other necessary contract documents to secure funding.

There was no discussion.

Ayes: Lind, Sr., Bauer, Oyler, Lyles, and Varner

Noes: None

Motion carried: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes

WSDOT Local Agency Agreement – Oak Street Railroad Crossing Project

Public Works Director Davisson introduced WSDOT – Local Agency Agreement (LAA)– Funding Award Acceptance to fund the Oak Street Railroad Crossing Project.

Oyler moved, seconded by Lind, Sr. to accept the Section 130 funding award for the Oak Street Railroad Crossing project and authorize Mayor Turner to sign the Local Agency Agreement once comments are returned from WSDOT and to sign other necessary contract documents to secure funding.

There was a brief discussion.

Ayes: Varner, Lyles, Lind, Sr., Bauer, and Oyler

Noes: None

Motion carried: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes

Resolution 2025 – 6 Fixing time for a Public Hearing

Clerk Treasurer Blake introduced Resolution 2025 – 6 – Fixing the time to conduct a public hearing on the itemized cost for abatement of a dangerous building located at 520 2nd Avenue, South, Okanogan.

Bauer moved, seconded by Lyles to adopt Resolution 2025 – 6.

There was no discussion.

Ayes: Lyles, Bauer, Oyler, Varner, and Lind, Sr.

Noes: None

Motion carried: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

There were no Councilmember's Comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced he and Councilmember Bauer will be attending the CELI training Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26, 2025.

Mayor Turner announced he attended the OCOG meeting last evening and TranGo will be celebrating their 10-year anniversary and hosting an open house on August 1st from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at their Okanogan headquarters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart

APPROVED:

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Wayne L. Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer