CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES

February 3, 2026

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, Eric Lind, Denise Varner and Steve Streeter.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Building Official Bryan Forbus, and Fire Chief Brad Armstrong.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Turner asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda or Consent Agenda. Oyler 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

Councilmembers Rob Gillespie and John Lyles were excused with passage of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of January 20, 2026 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 56995 through 57028 dated February 3, 2026 in the amount of $97,567.97 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 was excused from the meeting.

Fire Chief Brad Armstrong submitted a written report. He reviewed his report and updated calls to 13.

Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus did not submit a written report but announced at the meeting:

- New permit – The Club's Propane fryer install.
- New permit – Carport at 4 Conconully Street.
- New permit – New Photo Shop at 124 B 2nd S.
- New permit – New sign at 214 Pine Street.
- Final inspection at County Morgue Building.
- SEPA – Okanogan School District All Properties SEPA future development of sports complex – under review.

Code Enforcement Craig Caswell submitted a written report and was excused from the meeting. In Craig's absence, Mayor Turner announced that the cleanup at the old Quality Inn is going very well.

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

- Two engineers submitted Statements of Qualifications for the Oak Street Railroad Crossing project and were interviewed.
- Met with community members and task force.
- Asked Parks Committee to give feedback to Planner Johnson regarding Park priorities.

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

Interagency Data Sharing Agreement for Driver and Vehicle System Access (DRIVES)

Mayor Turner asked Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce DOL Interagency Data Sharing Agreement/Agency Access Request.

Bauer moved, seconded by Streeter to approve the Interagency Data Sharing Agreement for Driver and Vehicle System Access and authorize Mayor Turner to sign the Agency Access Request naming Jessica Blake as Administrator.

There was no discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes

Resolution 2026-2 – DRIVES Permissible Use Policy
Mayor Turner asked Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Resolution 2026-2 - DRIVES Permissible Use Policy.

Streeter moved, seconded by Oyler to adopt Resolution 2026-2.

There was no discussion.

Vote on the motion.

Ayes: Lind, Bauer, Varner, Oyler and Streeter

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Turner opened the floor and invited Public Comment.

- Through zoom, Angie Morgan Chilmonik of Epley Rd in Omak informed the council that she had brought comments back to Commissioners regarding Task force and will be reaching out to the Sheriff.

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Councilmember Varner announced:

- Winter Warmer is February 4th at 5:30pm located at the Okanogan Grange Hall; $25 a ticket.

Councilmember Bauer announced:

- Updated council on the Economic Alliance meeting she attended.
- Gave council ideas for American's 250 celebration.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced:

- Updated the council on City Action Days he attended.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Utilities Clerk Laura Divis

APPROVED:

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Wayne Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer