CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 16, 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.

OPEN RECORD PUBLIC HEARING: 2027-2032 Six Year Transportation Program

Mayor Turner opened the 2027 – 2032 Public hearing at 7:00 p.m. by stating the purpose of the hearing is to take relevant testimony on the City's proposed six-year transportation improvement program for years 2027 – 2032.

Mayor Turner provided for any challenges to the Council's jurisdiction. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for the disclosure of any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues or to disclose any pertinent information. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for the disclosure of any ex-parte communication, such that everyone will have the benefit of the information. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present who wished to challenge any of the Council, or himself as the Hearing Chairman, for conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues in conducting this hearing. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner opened the testimony portion of the hearing at 7:01 p.m. with the presentation of the Staff Report and then will provide for any Petitioners who desire to speak the opportunity, then those who signed in the opportunity to present testimony and then anyone present to present testimony, stating your name and address clearly please. There was no testimony.

Mayor Turner provided an opportunity for the Council to ask direct questions. There were none stated.

Mayor Turner provided the opportunity for discussion amongst the Council. There was no discussion.

Mayor Turner closed the hearing portion of the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

The following were:

Present: Mayor Turner Councilmembers: Greg Oyler, Lisa Bauer, John Lyles, Eric Lind Sr., and Denise Varner. Rob Gillespie through zoom. Eric Lind Sr. was called away during Department Head Reports for a fire call at 7:10pm.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Craig Caswell, and Okanogan County Sheriff Jodie Barcus.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of June 2, 2026 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 57478 through 57517 dated June 16, 2026 in the amount of $81,526.37 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 wiring the Murray Street Booster Station for generator back up power
- Performed setup and road closure for Okanogan Days
- Performed road closure for graduations on South 5th Avenue
- Performed pool maintenance

- Lifeguards attended pool training at one of the two sessions offered

Building Official/Permit Administrator Forbus did not submit a written report and was excused from the meeting.

Fire Chief Armstrong submitted a written report and was excused from the meeting.

Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Caswell submitted a written report and reviewed the information in his report.

Clerk Treasurer Blake submitted a written report and in addition announced:

- Reviewed new website content. Staff will attend two-part training in July and we hope to go live mid-August.
- Sent an email to the Finance Committee regarding Budgeting and Fiscal Management workshop in Leavenworth in August.
- Will be attending the AWC Conference next week in Spokane with Mayor Turner and Councilmember Bauer

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report and Sheriff Barcus reviewed the information in the report. In addition, she expressed her appreciation to Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Caswell for his assistance with the animal seizure search warrant and removal of a variety of animals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 1254 – Budget Amendment 2nd Reading

Mayor Turner asked City Clerk Treasurer Blake to introduce Ordinance 1254 – Budget Amendment 2nd Reading.

Varner moved, seconded by Bauer to adopt Ordinance 1254.

There was no discussion

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-5 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director Davisson to introduce Resolution 2026-5 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Varner moved, seconded by Lyles that Resolution No. 2026-5 be adopted approving the 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Okanogan.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes: 0 Noes

PRWA Support Letter

Mayor Turner introduced PRWA Support Letter.

Lyles moved, seconded by Gillespie to authorize Mayor Turner to sign on in support of the PRWA State Appropriation request letter.

There was no discussion.

Mayor Turner asked if there was any objection to the motion. Seeing no objection raised, the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Bauer announced the following:

- AI training – WorkSource make America AI Literate, through text messaging learn how to use it as a tool.
- Planning poverty simulation in the communities in Okanogan County to identify gaps in services.

Varner reported she attended a Graduation at FYRE which individuals as old as 26 years of age achieved earning their GED's.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced himself, Clerk Treasurer Blake, and Councilmember Bauer will be attending the AWC Conference in Spokane next week, Bauer will be speaking about AWC Scholarship recipient Finlay.

Mayor Turner reported that he has been asked to be a presenter for a session about using Council Committees to their fullest extent at the AWC Conference.

Mayor Turner asked the Water Committee members to stay after the meeting for a Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 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