CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES

August 4, 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, Steve Streeter, John Lyles, Eric Lind, Denise Varner, Lisa Bauer and Robert Gillespie.

Also Present: Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, and Public Works Director Shawn Davisson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Turner asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda or Consent Agenda. Bauer moved, seconded by Streeter 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 of July 21, 2026 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 57650 through 57668 dated August 4, 2026 in the amount of $39,007.29, and Payroll Checks numbered 57584 through 57598 and 57635 through 57649 in the amount of $195,951.77 for July 2026, a Debit Card Transaction dated June 31, 2026 in the amount of $233.75 and a Debit Card Transaction dated July 8, 2026 in the amount of $165.00 and a Debit Card Transaction dated July 31, 2026 in the amount of $605.69 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 Shawn Davisson submitted a written report to council and in addition announced:

- Gray & Osborne & staff submitted two Transportation Improvement Board Grant applications.
- Participated in levee inspections with the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

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

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

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

City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake submitted a written report to council and was excused from the meeting.

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

Ordinance 1255 – Water Rates and Charges – Second Reading
Mayor Turner introduced Ordinance 1255 – Water Rates and Charges – 2nd Reading.

Lyles moved, seconded by Lind to adopt Ordinance 1255.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

NEW BUSINESS

Airport Liability Insurance Renewal
Mayor Turner introduced Airport Liability Insurance 2026-2027.

Lind moved, seconded by Varner that the City approve the 2026-2027 liability insurance premium of $2,688.00.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Emergency Facilities and Land Use Agreement – Legion Airport
Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director Shawn Davisson to introduce Emergency Facilities and Land Use Agreement – DNR – Legion Airport.

Varner moved, seconded by Lyles to approve the Emergency Facilities and Land Use Agreement and authorize the signing by Clerk Treasurer Blake.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Gray & Osborne Amendment 25 – Dawson Gym, Vo-Ag, Wrestling Facility Construction Monitoring
Mayor Turner asked Public Works Director Shawn Davisson to introduce Gray & Osborne Amendment 25 – Dawson Gym, Vo-Ag, Wrestling Facility Construction Monitoring.

Bauer moved, seconded by Oyler to approve the Gray & Osborne Amendment 25 and authorize Mayor Turner to sign the agreement.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Turner opened the floor and invited Public Comment.
Angie Morgan Chilmonik commented on the Gray & Osborne amendment addressed under new business.

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Councilmember Varner announced:

- Chamber monthly membership meeting at Cariboo 12pm on August 5th. Lisa Bauer will be the guest speaker on "13 Ways to Kill your Community".
- Harvest Fest will be October 3rd from 9am to 2pm.

Councilmember Bauer announced:

- Okanogan County's Poverty simulation will be September 17th from 8am-2pm at the Dance Pavillion in East Side Park.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner announced:

- The Legion Park gazebo celebration is August 29th at 11am.
- Our Fire Chief will be resigning October 1st. The city has started advertising for the position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 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