CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 2, 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, Lisa Bauer, and Denise Varner.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, Public Works Director Shawn Davisson, Fire Chief Brad Armstrong, Code Enforcement Craig Caswell and Building Official Bryan Forbus.

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

Councilmembers Lind, Lyles and Gillespie were excused with passage of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of May 19, 2026 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 57378 through 57406 dated May 19, 2026 in the amount of $85,833.54, Claims Vouchers numbered 57422 through 57462 dated June 2, 2026 in the amount of $116,130.63, Payroll Checks numbered 57357 through 57371 and 57377 & 57407 through 57421 in the amount of $154,961.55 for May 2026, a Debit Card Transaction dated May 1, 2026 in the amount of $137.50, a Debit Card Transaction dated May 8, 2026 in the amount of $55.00, and a Debit Card Transaction dated May 11, 2026 in the amount of $180.00 were approved with the Consent Agenda.

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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 and in addition announced:

- WSDOT performed installing new crosswalks & stop bars at the intersection of 2nd Avenue & Oak Street.
- Performed putting the Okanogan Legion Airport Fueling System back online.
- Performed installing new bench at JC Park with the Okanogan Kiwanis.
- Public Works crew getting ready for Okanogan Days.
- Reported pool running well, staff & new staff attended training.
- Pool will not be open for Okanogan Days due to lifeguard availability.

Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus submitted a written report and answered councilmembers' questions.

Fire Chief Brad Armstrong submitted a written report and in addition to answering councilmembers' questions announced:

- DNR assessments completed today.

Code Enforcement/Assistant Permit Administrator Caswell submitted a written report and answered councilmembers' questions.

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

- Received monthly report from Firefly.
- Staff is completing cyber security training from Firefly.
- Getting ready for Okanogan Days; float for parade and a booth.

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report but was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Fire Department Grant
Councilmember Oyler announced:
The Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee met following the May 19th City Council meeting to discuss an available FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant for fire department equipment. Those present were Committee Chair Rob Gillespie, Councilmembers Greg Oyler and Lisa Bauer, Mayor Wayne Turner, Fire Chief Brad Armstrong, and Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake.

Fire Chief Armstrong went over options for the grant and explained that there is a 5% City Match for this federal grant. The Committee was in favor of applying for a grant to cover air packs, bottles and SCBA masks, which would cost at least a couple hundred thousand dollars. This equipment will need to be replaced by 2028 & 2029 and the Chief is being proactive in seeking ways to provide adequate safety equipment to City volunteers while being financially responsible. If the grant application is successful, the grant acceptance letter will be brought to Council for final approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1254 – Budget Amendment 1st Reading
Mayor Turner asked City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Ordinance 1254 – Budget Amendment 1st Reading.

Bauer moved, seconded by Streeter to advance Ordinance 1254 to the June 16th Council meeting.

There was a brief discussion.

Mayor Turner asked if there were any objections to the motion. Seeing no objection, the motion carried.

Woodchipper Storage Work Order Okanogan Conservation District
Mayor Turner asked Director of Public Works Shawn Davisson to introduce Work Order #2026-02 – Woodchipper Storage for Okanogan Conservation District.

Varner moved, seconded by Streeter to approve Work Order #2026-02: Woodchipper storage and authorize mayor Turner to sign the order.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

Ayes: Oyler, Varner, Streeter and Bauer

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes: 0 Noes

Okanogan County Chip Seal Agreement
Mayor Turner asked Director of Public Works Shawn Davisson to introduce Agreement between the City of Okanogan & Okanogan County to perform chip sealing.

Streeter moved, seconded by Bauer to approve Mayor Turner sign the agreement with Okanogan County not to exceed $13,000.00.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

Ayes: Bauer, Oyler, Streeter, and Varner

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes: 0 Noes

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Councilmember Varner announced:

- Thanked city staff for amazing job preparing float for Okanogan Days parade.
- Okanogan Days is Saturday, June 6th; celebrating America's 250.

Councilmember Bauer updated council on Economic Alliance meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no report from Mayor Turner.

ADJOURNMENT

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