

**CITY OF OKANOGAN
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 16,2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Okanogan City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Bauer at 7:00 p.m.

The following were:

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Bauer Councilmembers: Rob Chilcote, Rob Gillespie, Eric Lind, Sr., John Lyles, Greg Oyler, and Denise Varner.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart, Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus, Fire Chief Brad Armstrong, and Public Works Director Shawn Davisson.

Present through Zoom: Mayor Wayne L. Turner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Bauer asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda or Consent Agenda. Varner moved, seconded by Chilcote to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Bauer 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting of January 02, 2024 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Claims Vouchers numbered 54247 through 54277 dated December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$125,896.68 and Claims Vouchers numbered 54278 through 54301 dated January 16, 2024 in the amount of \$105,108.99 were approved with the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Bauer opened the floor for Public Comment. Seeing none offered, Public Comment was closed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Building Official/Permit Administrator Forbus reported receiving an application of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Okanogan County Juvenile and Superior Court for the properties located on 2nd Avenue, South.

Director of Public Works Davisson submitted a written report and in addition announced with the cold weather Public Works Crew have been working indoors on refurbishing picnic tables and other necessary equipment repairs.

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

- Completed quarterly reports for Department of Ecology, ARPA funds, FEMA reports, and payroll reports.
- Received Public Works Board contract for 3rd Avenue Utility Improvements in the amount of 1.8 million - \$905,130 in grant funds and \$905,130 as a 20-year low interest loan

The Sheriff's Office submitted a written report and was not present at the meeting.

Fire Chief Armstrong submitted a written report and updated the number of calls for 2024 from 9 to 20 and stated the additional 11 calls were water flow and cold related.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports on the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A-1 Asbestos AHERA Inspection Quote

Building Official/Permit Administrator Forbus introduced the A-1 Asbestos AHERA Inspection Quote.

Chilcote moved, seconded by Lyles to approve the proposal from A-1 Asbestos.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Elmwood Apartments Letter of Support

Clerk Treasurer Blake introduced Elmwood Apartments Letter of Support.

Lyles moved, seconded by Varner to approve the letter of support for Elmwood Apartments and authorize Mayor Pro Tem Bauer to sign the letter.

There was a brief discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem asked if there were any objections to the motion. Seeing no objections raised, the motion passed without objection.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Re-roof

Clerk Treasurer Blake introduced Wastewater Treatment Plant Re-roof.

Lind, Sr. moved, seconded by Lyles that the City accept the Wastewater Treatment Plant Re-roof project as complete and direct staff to close out the project.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

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

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

Chamber Presentation by Doug Woodrow

Mr. Woodrow presented a Power Point presentation which reflects the history of the City of Okanogan through the present and how community events have brought the community together, some of the events include the following:

- Okanogan Days- Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast/Graduation
- Annual Pet Parade at Harvest Fest and pumpkin bowling
- Farm Lights Parade

- Food Truck Festival
- Okanogan Fly In
- Small Business Saturday-Shop Local

Many events in city history were captured by Japanese photographer Frank Matsura

In addition he announced on Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 pm he will be doing a presentation on the construction of the Conconully Dam at the Okanogan Grange Hall.

Chenelle announced:

- Winter Warmer awards banquet & auction with auctioneer Richard Rawson is scheduled for February 7, 2024 with Social Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30, \$ 25.00 for dinner and dessert

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Bauer opened the floor and invited Public Comment. Seeing none offered, Public Comment was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT

Varner announced the Winter Warming Shelter in Okanogan is inviting help with painting warming shelters, providing food, and volunteers to supervise visitors. She continued by saying folks check in at 6:30 pm and are screened for drugs and alcohol prior to admission, then are provided with food, laundry services, and a locker to store their belongings for up to 10 days.

Chilcote reported he has volunteered at the Homeless shelter, he spent the night and was able to hear some stories, learn about them, and pray with them, it was a blessing for him and the folks there.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner expressed his thanks to Council and Staff for all they do and handling things in his absence and is looking forward to sharing about his adventures.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Deputy Clerk Treasurer Susan Stewart

APPROVED:

Lisa Bauer, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer