

**CITY OF OKANOGAN  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

**February 6, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

The following were:

Present: Mayor Turner Councilmembers: Greg Oyler, Rob Gillespie, Lisa Bauer, Eric Lind, Denise Varner, and Robert Chilcote.

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake, Utilities Clerk Laura Divis, and Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer Tyson Martin. Through zoom: City Planner Christopher Johnson.

Councilmember Gillespie, seconded by Councilmember Bauer, asked to excuse John Lyles from tonight's meeting. No objections.

Excused: John Lyles

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Turner asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda or Consent Agenda. Bauer moved, seconded by Chilcote 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 January 16, 2024 and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 2, 2024 were approved with passage of the Consent Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Debit Card Transaction dated November 30, 2023 in the amount of \$492.97, a Debit Card Transaction dated December 1, 2023 in the amount of \$175.86, a Debit Card Transaction dated December 8, 2023 in the amount of \$90.00, a Debit Card Transaction dated December 29, 2023 in the amount of \$494.09, a

Debit Card Transaction dated January 2, 2024 in the amount of \$279.14, Claims Vouchers numbered 54320 through 54369 dated February 6, 2024 in the amount of \$104,256.50, Payroll Checks numbered 54232 through 54246 and 54303 through 54319 in the amount of \$135,308.68 for January 2024, a Debit Card Transaction dated January 9, 2024 in the amount of \$75.00 and a Debit Card Transaction dated January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$503.17 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 but was not present at the meeting.

Fire Chief Brad Armstrong submitted a written report but was not present at the meeting.

Sheriff's Office submitted a written report, but was not present at the meeting.

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

- Attended meeting with JUB regarding the airport hangar rebuild. They suggested that the city needs an architect and JUB does not have one. In the process of interviewing for an architect with an engineering firm.
- Tyson Martin is the city's new Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer.

Building Official/Permit Administrator Bryan Forbus submitted a written report but was not present at the meeting.

Planner Christopher Johnson did not submit a written report but announced:

- Working on Critical Areas Ordinance.
- Working on Shoreline Master Plan.
- Working on ADU Ordinance.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Scholarship Committee

Councilmember Varner announced that the scholarship committee met to make a recommendation for the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship. Our selection for the returning college student CQC scholarship is McKenna Roberts. McKenna is a sophomore at Barnard College in New York City. Her educational goal is to "obtain a Ph.D.in Sociology to research

educational systems, youth spaces, and, more broadly, how young people of marginalized backgrounds experience the K-12 education system in rural communities.”

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business on the Agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Okanogan County/Okanogan Senior Citizens Center Annexation

Mayor Turner asked Planner Christopher Johnson to introduce Okanogan County/Okanogan Senior Citizens Center Annexation.

Chilcote moved, seconded by Varner to set a Public Hearing date of February 20, 2024 at 7pm to hear public testimony on the Annexation of the properties bearing Assessor’s Office Parcel Numbers 3326170182 and 3326170209.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

Ayes: Lind, Bauer, Chilcote, Varner, Gillespie and Oyler

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes: 0 Noes

#### Colville Tribes Letter of Support

Mayor Turner asked City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Colville Tribes Broadband Project Letter of Support.

Varner moved, seconded by Lind to approve the letter of support for the Colville Tribes and authorize Mayor Turner to sign the letter.

There was a brief discussion.

Motion Carried without Objections.

#### Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Turner asked for nominations.

Varner moved, seconded by Chilcote to nominate Lisa Bauer for Mayor Pro Tem.

There were no further nominations.

Motion Carried Without Objection.

Election of Alternate Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Turner asked for nominations.

Lind moved, seconded by Gillespie to nominate Denise Varner for Alternate Mayor Pro Tem.

There were no further nominations.

Motion Carried Without Objection.

Bains Agreement

Mayor Turner asked City Clerk Treasurer Jessica Blake to introduce Bains Agreement.

Bauer moved, seconded by Oyler to approve the agreement with Gagandeep and Jatinder Bains and authorize Mayor Turner to sign the agreement.

There was a brief discussion.

Vote on the motion.

Ayes: Chilcote, Lind, Bauer, Gillespie, Oyler and Varner

Noes: None

Motion Carried: 6 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 Gillespie announced:

- Concerned about the Blue Mountain properties and potential health hazards.

Councilmember Chilcote announced:

- Concerned about the property by Whitley Fuel where all junk cars, rv's and other junk, seems to be getting worse.

Councilmember Varner announced:

- Chamber of Commerce banquet date changed to February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Old Flour Mill social hour 5:30 pm, tickets \$25.
- Food Truck Festival will be April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner announced:

#### Appointment of Department Heads – With Council Confirmation

*Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer*

*W. Scott Detro, City Attorney*

#### Appointment of Department Heads

*Shawn Davisson, Public Works Director*

*Bryan Forbus, Building Official/Permit Administrator*

*Christopher Johnson, City Planner*

*Brad Armstrong, Fire Chief*

*Tyson Martin, Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer*

- AWC 101 through zoom February 15<sup>th</sup> 12pm-1:15pm if any council member is interested.
- Former Mayor Chuck Williams passed away last Thursday.
- Slide show of trip at 6:00 pm on February 20, 2024 before the council meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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**