

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

The following were:

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Turner asked if there were any changes 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**

There were no pre-excused Councilmembers on the Agenda or Consent Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Claims Vouchers numbered 54634 through 54667 dated April 16, 2024 in the amount of \$76,473.88 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**

Fire Chief Armstrong submitted a written report and in addition reported the following:

- ❖ Updated calls year-to-date from 91 to 96 and call volume is up 37% from the end of April 2023 and 21% from the end of April 2022

Public Works Director Davisson submitted a written report and in addition reported the following:

- ❖ The Oak Street Improvement project started April 15<sup>th</sup> and is expected to be completed the week of May 19<sup>th</sup> if no delays are encountered.
- ❖ Chad Patterson attended the Northwest Mosquito & Vector Control Association Spring Workshop
- ❖ Arbor Day will be April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Boat Launch at 11:00 am and the Okanogan 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be attending the tree planting

Building Official/Permit Administrator Forbus provided an updated report on the property located at 520 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, South and outlined the next steps in the agreement between the property owners and the city.

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

- ❖ Clerk Treasurer Blake and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Stewart attended the Washington Public Treasurers Association Conference in Chelan
- ❖ City Hall will be closing for the Arbor Day Celebration to allow staff to attend as part of a Wellness event

Okanogan County Sheriff's Office submitted a written report but were not in attendance.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports on the Agenda.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### Ordinance No. 1231 – Water- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Clerk Treasurer Blake introduced Ordinance No. 1231.

Varner moved, seconded by Chilcote to adopt Ordinance No. 1231.

There was no discussion.

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

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

##### Ordinance No. 1232 – Sewer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Clerk Treasurer Blake introduced Ordinance No. 1232.

Lind, Sr. moved, seconded by Lyles to adopt Ordinance No. 1232.

There was a brief discussion.

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

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Okanogan Youth Baseball Sports Plex Use Fee Waiver Request

Public Works Director Davisson introduced Okanogan Youth Baseball Sports Plex Use Fee Waiver Request.

Oyler moved, seconded by Chilcote to waive fees for Okanogan Youth Baseball for the 2024 season, to include league, tournament, and concession stand fees.

There was a brief discussion.

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

Noes: None

Motion carried: 7 Ayes: 0 Noes

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENT**

Varner announced the following:

- ❖ Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:30 pm is the Town Tidy Up
- ❖ Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Truck Feast-ival

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### Ad Hoc Committee – Council Rules Update

Mayor Turner reported his intentions to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review and make recommendations regarding the current Council Rules and Procedures and asked for volunteers to serve on the Committee. Lyles, Varner and Chilcote volunteered to serve on the Committee.

#### Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Turner read the Arbor Day Proclamation and proclaimed April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Okanogan.

Mayor Turner announced the resignation of Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer Tyson Martin. The Personnel Committee will meet next Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss possible changes to the position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Susan Stewart, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

**APPROVED:**

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**Wayne L. Turner, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Jessica Blake, Clerk Treasurer**

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