

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2020

LOCATION: 219 North Pine Street, Owen WI 54460

TIME: 7:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Milliren, Alderpersons: Joan Jalling, Ken Martine, Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, John Mauel, Al Wagner, and Clerk Michelle Kind

CITY OFFICIALS EXCUSED:

ATTENDANCE LIST: Police Chief/Ibarra & CDC/Tim Swiggum

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Rogers-Sentinel & Rural News & Cardinal-OW Enterprise

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Motion by Jalling/Jaffke to approve the minutes for the 1-14-20 council meeting – see attached. Motion carried.

OW Police Committee Report

Motion by Jalling/Jaffke to approve the name change to Owen-Withee Police Committee from Commission due to the requirements found of Commissions. Motion carried.

A separate Police Discipline Committee will also be represented equally by Residents of Owen and Withee (non-Council members). Both Municipalities will have equal membership on the OWPC.

Ibarra introduced the new part-time Officer Jacob Haugstad was introduced to the committee.

The Committee made a motion to recommend to the Council to move forward with researching grants & fundraising to obtain a K-9 Officer. The estimate of the K-9 is approx. \$20,000. Martine inquired on additional Insurance costs for the dog, Ibarra will research.

Resolution 2020-2 Accounting for the payments and withholding made by the Owen-Withee Police Committee

Motion by Wilczek/Martine to approve the Resolution with corrections on the name change from Commission to Committee – see attached. Motion carried.

CDC Report

Swiggum updated the Council on the Zoning Map and noted changes needed including the Mobile Home Park district. The Public Hearing will be at the Feb 25th meeting and requests the Council review and approve at that time.

FEMA is consistently requesting revised information for the storm disbursement and it is taking more time than expected to finish the forms.

Hwy 29 will be under construction from Cty Rd D bridge to Chippewa County this spring.

Funding was approved for the 2019 street project from Board of Commission of Public Lands for the loan.

The Hwy D truck traffic will need to be rerouted for a few days during the 5th street reconstruction.

The County will be resurfacing County Road D from 7th street north to Taylor County line and from Cty

Rd X to Cty Rd N in 2021. The section in between will be left for now as we need to upgrade our sewer and water lines in 2022. The County will reimburse us for the difference when finished. Quiet zone discussions have continued, and Smith is reviewing how to effectively remove the snow from the middle barriers.

Annual OW Chamber of Commerce meeting is this next Monday. They have invited the Clerk, Police Chief, and DPW to the dinner for introductions.

Market Proposal for Business Park

In an effort to gain development in the Owen Agri Business Park, Swiggum requested to place and advertisement in the Trade & Industry Development magazine. It will include printed publication as well as on-line for \$1,500 for a half page add in the Wisconsin section. They will also give you a 250-word article in addition or sights and programs for an interview for 6 issues year.

Motion by Wilczek/Mauel to provide an advertisement in the trade magazine using the TIF money for \$1,500 for the year. Motion carried.

Disbursements

Motion by Martine/Mauel to approve the payment of the disbursements: City Pooled Check #29260-29324. City \$22,111.18; Water \$46,904.88; Sewer \$8,144.35 Totaling \$77,160.41. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Motion by Martine/Jaffke to approve the report presented – see attached. Motion carried.

The 3rd Quarter payroll summary was also reviewed.

Kind noted a variety of time-card sheets/punch systems used and suggested to be able to revise the time-cards for a unified system for Payroll.

Building Committee Report:

Motion by Martine/Mauel to approve the intent to purchase of the We Energies building Parcel #265.0477.000 for \$20,000 with a quit claim deed and donation letter for the balance of the assessed value of \$49,700.00 minus the financial closing amount for 833 West 3rd Street in Owen. Motion carried.

Wilczek estimated the closing date of Feb. 14th and also reviewed surrounding land options, meetings with Assessor and Building Inspector to review the building.

Closed Session

Motion by Wilczek/Wagner to go into Closed Session at 7:35pm pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote was taken & unanimous motion carried.

Motion by Martine/Mauel to come out of closed session at 8:28pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilczek/Jalling after review of the new Health Insurance plan and Team Care rates, the City will compensate those full-time employees who choose to participate in the pool for the increase in monthly costs. Employees will still be responsible for their deductibles under the new plan. Motion carried.

Suggested Items for Future Agendas

Municipal Building meeting Tues. 2/4, Raze Orders, Handbook Review by Personnel Committee meeting Wed. 2/5, Police ordinance Fee Schedule, and Zoning Map.

Mayor Milliren adjourned meeting at 8:34pm.

Next Council meeting Tues. Feb. 11th, 2020 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Kind, Clerk/Treasurer WCMC