

**CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021

**LOCATION:** New Owen City Hall 833 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Owen WI 54460

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Charles Milliren

Alderspersons: Joan Jalling, Pam Jaffke, Ken Martine, John Mauel, & Al Wagner

**CITY OFFICIALS EXCUSED:** Bob Wilczek

**ATTENDANCE LIST:** Clerk/Treasurer Kind, CDC Swiggum, Officer Juzwiak & Officer Haugstad

**COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE:** Rebecca Greisen of Clark County Health Dept & Tammy Sloniker of Clark County Social Services, Amanda Mahnke via zoom, Nicole Rogers/Sentinel & Rural News and Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Milliren at 6:13pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:**

none

**Minutes:**

Motion by Jalling/Jaffke to approve the minutes from March 9th, 2021. Motion carried.

**Personnel Committee:**

Jaffke reported they met today and will extend the PIP until April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Police Dept Report**

Officer Juzwiak reported the PD is continuing with various Ordinance violations throughout the City.

**CDC Report**

Swiggum reported he is working on the Ad for the Community Guide. Audit work and moving to the new City Hall. Working with local business interests for the Industrial Park, additional residential buildings going up. The housing market is very active right now.

Assembly Representatives Jesse James and Donna Rozar came to Owen and were greeted at the new Owen City Hall with Residents to discuss the State budget. Swiggum discussed the Dairy Innovation Hub with the Representatives.

The CWIAC Board voted to disband the group and donate the funds to the Owen Historical Society when the Society establishes a 501c.

**Eat Right and Be Fit Story Walk presentation on Trail:**

Motion by Jaffke/Wagner to assist the Eat Right Be Fit group from Clark County with a Story Walk from Owen to Withee on the trail. Motion carried.

The Libraries, Schools, and other volunteer groups will be encouraged to assist. Public Works was suggested to assist with the post installment for the story boards due to snow removal considerations.

**Clerk/Treasurer Dept Report:**

The Friends of the Black River organization will have a cleanup day on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am-11am along the Black River. Volunteers welcome meeting at the Mill Pond Pavilion park in Owen. Swiggum has offered to coordinate with the group.

Absentee voting in Person absentee voting runs from Tues 3/23 – Good Friday 4/2 at 5pm.

City Hall office is mostly moved into the new building with new computers, the old ones will be refurbished and reused. We thank the Council for the opportunity to have a new facility. We will need to create a storage area and box up previous years files. The State Statues for the keeping of records will be reviewed and then we can start organizing and boxing. Updating all our AR & AP contacts with the new building address. Grand Opening TBD in May after landscaping.

Loan Summary update attached. The Audit allowed us to clean up past years outstanding Bank Items so we can move on to closing the January Bank Reconciliation. Once that is complete, we will be able to catch up and finish February before March is upon us. I attached the 2021 Budget summary and Transaction summary.

**Disbursements/Accounts Payable:**

Motion by Martine/Jaffke to approve the accounts payable of \$34,424.10 as presented. Motion carried.

**Convene into Closed Session:**

Motion by Mael/Jaffke to go into closed session at 6:48pm for Consideration of Wages & Benefits Under WI S. S. 19.85(1)(c) Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion carried.

**Reconvene in Open Session:**

Motion by Martine/Wagner to reconvene in open session at 7:03pm. Motion carried.

**Announce Recommendations:**

No action taken.

**Suggested Items for Future Agendas:**

Committee meetings for Finance, Planning/Zoning, Park & Rec, DRC, DNR Grant and Personnel on handbook

Mayor Milliren adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm.

Next Council meeting is Tues. April 13th, 2021 at 6pm at 833 3<sup>rd</sup> street.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Kind,  
Clerk/Treasurer WCMC