

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2023,

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Milliren

Alders: John Mauel, Bob Wilczek, Pam Jaffke, Matt Riihinen and Ken Martine. Joan Jalling via phone.

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau , DPW Chad Smith, OWPD Haugstad

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Julie and Kevin Baker

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Milliren at 6:03pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Pit Bulls running at large. Has been an issue for two years now. Have video of dogs and an email from neighbor. Look into expanding ordinance and see about getting something done.

Approve 12.13.22 Meeting Minutes: Wilczek/Martine motion to approve minutes as written. Motion carried.

Cedar Corporation: Trail grant light poles are covered in the grant. Estimate of new surface only from Withee to Meadowview is \$165,000. It is an 80/20 grant and application is due March 24. Should apply as soon as possible, \$2000 to apply for grant. With new lights we might not need as many, and we could just light the path. Will need to send out to 3 engineers. Mauel/Wilczek motion to use the \$2,000 to apply for the Trail Grant. Motion carried.

Final Audit: Handed out. Martine/Riihinen motion to approve the final audit. Motion carried.

New Auditors: Postponed.

New Drug Company: Postponed.

Excel Sub Station: Setback from the power station. 3-4 acres. Check on Esker's agreement. Have not heard back yet.

Public Work Report: Water – two water leaks found on 2 trailers on 2nd Street. Replaced frozen meters at 3 places. Finished the 2022 cross connections and now working on 2023. Billing to help Withee. Jaffke/Martine motion to charge Withee salary plus benefits. Motion carried. Sewer – Plant is not happy. Reading in Ferric and S-2, back up and running. Seeing some results. Streets – Martin's Market water and sewer main issues. Over \$25,000, would have to bid out. Planning Meeting to discuss further. Xcel meeting with Jim Bohl, Metal Wholesale, Pam from Xcel. CJ and I had a meeting with the DNR on our Flood plan. Still working on Willow Road Easement. Working with Josh from Cedar Corp, who is helping to write up an agreement. Survey the area on the north side and talk with the property owners. Snow removal 12/15/22, 12/16/22, 12/20/22, 12/25/22, 1/4/23, 1/6/23. Snowmobile signs are up. Need a finance meeting soon. Jaffke/Martine motion. Motion carried.

Ordinances: Recommend we update the dog at large, 2 citations. Wilczek/Jaffke motion to Sub Section Homeowner 3 citation within a 365-day period convene to council for a solution for abatement. Motion carried.

Owen-Withee Police Meeting Report: Welfare check turned into a three-day affair over Christmas weekend. Talked about Grant for equipment. Went over Chief contract.

One Meeting a Month: Postponed. Wilczek/Martine motion. Motion carried.

Other Reports: Economic Development Corporation Grant Balances are good. Sign will be put up this Summer. January 30, 2023 business.

Convene into closed session: Wilczek/Martine motion.

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 for employee reviews to Discuss Union Contract.

Reconvene to Open Session: Wilczek/Riihinen motion.

Announce recommendations: Handbook update. September 1 opening contract for Union. Personnel Committee 3 personal days. Merit increases set basic wages. Anything in place for certifications? No set plan; no written policy. Sick days pay out upon death.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: City \$294,258.20, Water \$41,535.91, Sewer \$5,613.21, TIF #4 \$42,198.85, Totaling \$1,929,007.34. Question on Crowley Park bill, that was for a full year. Wilczek/Martine motion. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: Planning, Finance

Adjourn: 8:01pm

Respectfully given to the best of my ability, Jessi Stolfi Deputy Clerk