

CITY OF OWEN FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday January 18, 2023

LOCATION: 833 W 3rd St, Owen WI 54460

TIME: 4:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Alderpersons: Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek & Matt Riihinen

ATTENDANCE LIST: DPW Chad Smith & Clerk Tracy Rau

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: O-W Enterprise Cindy Cardinal

Meeting was called to order at 3:59pm.

Water Budget: DPW asked for this meeting so the Committee could approve the Water Budget, and Rollover that DPW had calculated on spreadsheets. DPW Smith said they redid the roof on the reservoir and on some of the buildings, well 13 got a new tin roof. Well 6 they tuck pointed, new roof, painted and put in a new door, the ground reservoir also received a new roof. DPW mentioned that a 3% simplified rate case should have been done before the budget was approved. Chad will look and check to see if we can still do a rate increase and bring it back to the council. Chemicals increased 44%, electric increased 8%, Smith plans on replacing the curb and gutter on 2nd street this year and then in 2024 American Asphalt can come in and redo the street. Motion by Wilczek and seconded by Riihinen to approve the water budget. Motion carried.

Roll over: A Wilczek/Riihinen motion to approve the 6250.00 for Grapple bucket to roll into 2023 and the 5000.00 to be put into a savings account to save for 2nd street. Also, need to take \$10,000.00 out of general fund and put into equipment outlay savings account which is budgeted for every year.

Sewer budget, chemicals are up, they are changing how they added chemicals. There was talk about moving 7569.43 and 935.95 into the sewer replacement savings account, but then it was decided against since the amounts are already into the correct budget lines.

Finances 2022: Wilczek had discussed that awhile back it was approved to have the Deputy Clerk Stolfi on as a temporary fulltime. Wilczek asked Clerk Rau if she needed a fulltime Deputy and Rau said yes, it is very helpful to have a fulltime person in the office to do the everyday things as Rau is dealing with the more in-depth work. Smith agreed yes, there needs to be a fulltime Deputy. It was asked if Deputy Stolfi wanted permanent fulltime, Clerk Rau said she would ask her and bring it to the council on Tuesday. Rau also said if Stolfi does want fulltime she is up for all benefits, vacation, sick days, personal days, WRS, Deferred Comp, life insurance, union all of it, and health insurance.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.

Respectfully submitted to the best of my ability,
Tracy Rau, Clerk/Treasurer