

**CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023,

**LOCATION:** City Hall

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Charles Milliren

Alderspersons: John Mauel, Pam Jaffke, Matt Riihinen and Joan Jalling. Absent were Bob Wilczek and Ken Martine

**ATTENDANCE LIST:** Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau and Chief Fehlman

**COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE:** Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Nicole Rogers/Sentinel & Rural News, Tom Jirschele, Andrea Mahnke, Mark Hanson

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Milliren at 6:01pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approve 1.10.23 Meeting Minutes:** Jaffke/Mauel motion to approve 1.10.23 minutes. Motion carried.

**Attorney Agreement:** Mauel/Jalling motion to renew attorney Wolfgram's contract for another year. Motion carried.

**New Auditors:** Riihinen/Jaffke motion to postpone until we hear back. Motion carried.

**New Drug Company:** RKI Drug Testing, waiting to hear back from lady who does the testing. She will be back in office beginning of February. Jalling/Riihinen motion to postpone until we receive a contract. Motion carried.

**Ordinances:** Chief Fehlman asked about what was discussed last meeting on the dog ordinance. Mayor Milliren stated that after two citations homeowner gets a third citation within a 365-day period then council will convene for a solution for abatement. Now that the Police Department knows that is the case, stuff will trickle into the council meetings when they have issues with dogs. City Attorney Wolfgram will need to be aware as well.

**One Meeting a Month:** Best to stay at two and cancel the second meeting if nothing is on agenda.

**Other Reports:** Finance Committee, met with Chad to go over a few things. Water Budget was looking great until auditors moved things around. Lots of maintenance work was done last year. Wage increases. They would like to buy a grapple bucket truck. Sewer Budget is good. They were under on some things even with prices increasing. Deputy Clerk Stolfi is staying full time; this was budgeted.

**Treasurers Report:** Clerk Rau asked who gets paid to go to which meetings. Jaffke said if they are appointed by the council they are expected to be there and get compensated, it's possible some residents have not been paid before. Organizational Meeting is when people are appointed by the mayor. There are the groups that are required by state statute, the rest is what the council created. Jalling/Mauel motion to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

**Disbursements/Accounts Payable:** City \$26,052.03, Water \$13,277.72, Sewer \$5,544.79, TIF #4 \$18,298.47, Totaling \$2,660,016.76. Mauel/Riihinen motion to pay the disbursements. Motion carried.

**Other Committee Reports:** None.

**Future Agenda Items:** Personnel, Police

**Adjourn:** 6:23pm

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