

JANUARY 8, 2019 CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor Charles Milliren presided and Carol Devine-City Clerk, served as secretary. Roll call of Alderpersons: Jaffke, Mauel, Martine, Jalling, Wagner and Wilczek. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Erik Stinson-DPW and Tim Swiggum-CDC. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

A Martine/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 12/11/18 council meeting.

Public Opinion

Under Public Opinion: Dan Hooks is concerned about the lack of fencing behind Heartland Coop and if anything was being done regarding the handicap entrance to City Hall.

Public Present: Nicole Shattuck-Sentinel & Rural News, Dan Hooks, Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise.

Quarterly Payroll Report

A Jaffke/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the 4th quarter payroll report for 2018. The amount of overtime Clerk Devine had compiled was questioned along with how long Deputy City Clerk Terri Ernst would continue working. Both the overtime by Clerk Devine and the continued assistance of Deputy Clerk Ernst is on an as needed basis. The Personnel Committee is meeting next Tuesday to go over resumes for hiring a new Deputy Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

A Wilczek/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved the December 2018 Treasurer's Report.

Public Works Report

A Jalling/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the Public Works Report. About half of the City's water meters have been replaced. The new water meters have a 20-year warranty.

Police Report

A Martine/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the Police Report. Chairperson Jaffke reported the Police Commission had voted to allow Chief Ibarra permission to hire two part-time officers not to exceed the cost of \$12,500. As the Chief's new deputy will not be finished with the Police Academy until May, the hiring of two additional officers would allow Chief Ibarra to have a more visible presence in the community along with providing the Chief with some much-needed assistance. Of course, the County is also available when needed.

House of Friends Program

The House of Friends Program was not allowed at the Old School after the 1st of the year due to lack of acceptable insurance. The situation has since been rectified with the House of Friends obtaining insurance from an alternate source.

CDC Report

CDC Tim Swiggum reported bid opening for the Heartland Rail Spur had been moved to early February. Tim has been working on the Real Estate Transfers for Heartland, but he will still have to issue an alternate tax bill to Heartland as some of the parcels are in the previous owner's name, with a small parcel of land belonging to the State of Wisconsin. The Planning Committee has met twice with a Planning Survey enclosed in the quarterly water bills sent out early this month. The Owen-Withee Area Chamber of Commerce will hold their 17th Annual Businessman's Gathering Feb. 4th at Beaver's Bar and Grill in Withee. The speaker will be Riley Hebert. Mr Hebert is head of the Clark County Young Professionals. The Annual Business Expo will be held April 6th. A Mauel/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

Disbursements

A Martine/Mauel and subsequent vote approved to pay disbursements: City Pooled Check #27992-28082. City \$100,697.44; Water \$13,574.74; Sewer \$8,519.71 and TIF #4 \$160,308.65.

Mayor Milliren adjourned the 1-8-19 Open Session at 7:35.

(To be considered for approval at the 1-22-19 Council Meeting. Published 1-15-16-9)