

**CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023,

**LOCATION:** City Hall

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Charles Milliren

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

**ATTENDANCE LIST:** Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau and DPW Chad Smith

**COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE:** Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Michelle Hallin, Jake Brunette.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Milliren at 6:00pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** Jake Brunette spoke about his running for Clark County Branch 2 Judge. He and his wife Lyndsey, who is currently Clark County's Branch 1 Judge, are both from Neillsville. After graduation and finishing college, they moved back to the area where they are raising their five children whose ages range from 10-1. Brunette has worked as an attorney for 11 years and 10 years with Clark County as a Civil Matters Prosecutor for children and elders. His website has endorsements and testimonies, and he has great respect for Clark County, the process of the law and will have a formal structured courtroom. When asked if it would be a conflict to have both husband and wife in the same county, he said it has been done before and believes it will not be an issue.

**Approve Minutes from 1.24.23 Meeting:** Wilczek/Jalling motion to approve 1.24.23 minutes. Motion carried.

**Wildflower Daycare:** Michelle Hallin just purchased the previous Little Tykes Daycare and starting her own, Little Wildflower Childcare Center. She requested to continue using the portion of the City owned lot as a playground. Jalling/Martine motion to approve Michelle Hallin and Little Wildflower Childcare Center to continue using the lot as a playground. Motion carried.

**Cedar Corporation:** Approval for Engineering Companies for the Trail Grant. Wilczek/Martine motion to approve Cedar Corporation. Motion carried.

**New Auditors (postponed):** Bauman Associates will be here next week on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to get started. It is already very late and would like to get in now. Jalling/Martine motion to approve the new auditors. Motion carried.

**New Drug Company-RKI (postponed):** Mauel/Wilczek motion to use RKI Drug as the present drug company for the City. Motion carried.

**Excel Sub Station-update:** No updates at this time. Wilczek/Martine motion to postpone until next meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Works Report:** Water – water service leak at 307 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, trailer park update, and submitted cross connection and water withdraw reports to the DNR. Sanitary - cost of ferric has increased, worked on CMOM (maintenance update), R&R backwash supply valves, worked on UV lights, and built 2 injectors for S-2 and S-3. Streets – Martin Market sewer and water, We Energies won't be starting gas install in the business park until after August 1<sup>st</sup> due to greater prairie chickens to the southeast of us. Energy cost is up 8%. Ending contract with Unifirst, going to purchase shirts and sweatshirts themselves and possibly get a washer and dryer to install at the garage. Cleaned snow away from storm drains. Building new floor drain grates. Withee – worked on sludge waste valves. Cleaned pipe from the aeration tower. High lift pump VFD issues. Worked on Well #3 and working on cross connection report. Jaffke/Wilczek motion to approve the Public Works Report. Motion carried.

**Owen-Withee Police Meeting Report:** List of 66 citations, 13 ordinance and 127 warnings. Week 6 of 7 with the property in Withee. Been busy. \$7,000 grant, they are still looking into equipment. Squad getting fixed at Courtesy. Talked about utilities and rent. Disconnect the meter to the garage? K-9 Fund is doing good.

**Other Reports:** None.

**Disbursements/Accounts Payable:** City \$410,820.13, Water \$11,862.02, Sewer \$37,212.20, TIF #4 \$2,450.00, Totaling \$2,125,143.50. Martine/Jalling motion to pay the disbursements with exception of Union Dues. Motion carried.

**Future Agenda Items:** Personnel/Handbook

**Adjourn:** 7:04pm

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