

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023,

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Milliren

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

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/Enterprise Sentinel, Tom Jirschele, Andrea Mahnke, Brian Chapman, Michael Roman

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

Public Comment: None.

Approve Minutes from 2.14.23 Meeting: Martine/Wilczek motion to approve 2.14.23 minutes. Motion carried.

Bratcher Candidate for Judge: Postponed until March 28th meeting.

Haas 2nd Payment Request: Brian Chapman reported application for second payment from Haas Sons, Inc. for the Business Park Improvements Project. Project is going well and currently digging ponds. All the pipes are in the ground, roads are built and cul-de-sac will need to be widened and completed. Everything seems to be on time. Wilczek/Mauel motion to approve the second payment to Haas Sons, Inc of \$418,208.53. Motion carried. Ash Street project utilities are in, and road is finished. Just need curb and gutter in the spring.

Clean Up Day/Clean out Old City Hall: Clean Up Day: Second weekend in May the 13th. One dumpster. Charge for TVs, refrigerators and tires. Find out the cost of each. Wilczek will get ahold of GFL about the prices and dumpster and will bring back to next meeting. Old City Hall: Shipping Storage Container, one time payment, store everything and go through when we can. Weather proofed units range from \$2,000-\$4,000, includes shipping cost. Wilczek/Jalling motion to have Clean Up Day on May 13th and postpone the Clean Up of Old City Hall until we have pricing and request the Historical Society to give us an additional two months, June 1st. Motion carried.

Other Reports: Jaffke went to the Ehlers Public Finance Seminar in the Dells February 16th and 17th. Investing for cities. Finance Committee could talk to Ehlers and look into investments. Funding for water and sewer projects. What projects are eligible. Key Financial Indicators. She asked that everyone please call their representatives and governor and tell them that cities are dying, and we need shared revenue that corresponds to what the state revenue has been doing. Something to think about.

Treasurers Report: Mauel/Jalling motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: City \$34,209.18, Water \$6,766.45, Sewer \$1,781.62, Totaling \$2,104,094.18. Martine/Jaffke motion to approve the disbursements. Motion carried.

Convene into closed session: Wilczek/Mauel motion to convene into closed session. 6:32pm. Attorney Michael Roman was in person and invited into closed session.

Consideration of Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g) in order to confer with legal counsel for the City who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the City with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved – specifically discussion and

consideration of results of ERD mediation in ERD Case No.: CR202001731 and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session-specifically discussion and consideration of result of ERD mediation in ERD Case No.: CR202001731.

Reconvene into open session: Wilczek/Martine motion to reconvene into open session. 7:40pm.

Consider or take any action needed from issued discussed in closed session: Wilczek/Mauel motion to authorize Common Council President to consent and sign on behalf of the City an agreement once it is finalized as long as it is consistent with the confidential agreement and principle that was reached with the ERD in mediation. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: Planning Meeting March 7th or 9th? Police Committee Meeting, City Clean Up prices, City Hall Clean Up prices.

Adjourn: 7:43pm

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