

FEBRUARY 13, 2018
CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7 pm at City Hall. Mayor Charles Milliren presided and Carol Devine-City Deputy Clerk, served as secretary. Roll call of Alderpersons: Mauel, Renderman, Wilczek, Jaffke, Wagner and Martine. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDC, Erik Stinson-DPW and Lorelee Petersen, Library Director. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

A Wilczek/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes of the 1/23/18 meeting.

Treasure's Report

A Jaffke/Renderman motion and subsequent vote approved the January 2018 Treasurers Report.

Public Works Report

A Martine/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the Public Works Report.

County Police Report for Owen

A Renderman/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the County Police Report for January.

Public Opinion

Under Public Opinion; Don Wyeth asked about the enforcement of parking violations. Dan Hooks noted that many sidewalks were icy and maybe residents should be charged a \$300 forfeiture for each offense. Public Present: Don Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise, and Dan Hooks.

Community Guide Ad

A Jaffke/Martine and subsequent vote approved the half-page ad for the 2018 Community Guide. Mention of the Campground was suggested as an addition.

Owen Library Wi-Fi park:

Lorelee Petersen requested a motion from the Council that if she received a \$10,000 grant for a Wi-Fi park, the City would be able to sustain the park. The Park would use the Library's Wi-Fi. The City would supply the upkeep. A Wilczek/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the City's commitment to the Wi-Fi park.

Super Charger/Destination Charging Station

A Renderman/Martine motion and subsequent vote gave the approval for city staff to further investigate having a charging station installed in Owen and what exactly it would entail.

Deputy City Clerk Outside Employment/phone

A Mauel/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved both outside employment for Carol Devine and adding her to the city phone account.

Handicap entrance/ramp

Erik Stinson will look into different options for adding a handicapped entrance on the south side of City Hall and Tim Swiggum will check for any grants available. A Jaffke/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved this.

Police Department

After a short discussion, a Wilczek/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved running an ad for a full-time police chief.

The County will assist in hiring. The deadline for applications is March 12th. Looking over our Police Policy and the Chief of Police Employment Agreement was also discussed. Findings will be brought to the table next Council meeting.

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CDC Report

CDC Tim Swiggum reported Heartland is looking to a Spring schedule for finishing the rail plan. The OW Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at the held at Old School on April 7th. Tim already has three businesses committed to the Job Fair being held in conjunction with the Expo. After the Annual Businessmen's gathering Feb 5th, the Chamber has two new board members; Jenny Totzke and Linda Susa. Farm Tech days will be held July 10-12 at Heiman-Sternweis Farms, just south of Marshfield. The Clark County Economic Development Corp will have a tent at this event in which we will have a table available for us to highlight our city. The Landscape proposal was sent, waiting to hear back on the grant. A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

Temporary Class "B" License Application

A Wilczek/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the Temporary Class "B" License for the OW Lions Fishing Contest to be held March 4th at the Mill Pond.

Operator's License

A Mauel/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved an operator's license for Martin Reinking. Bob Wilczek voted no.

Disbursements

A Martine/Renderman motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #26966-27009. City \$44,227.92; Water \$2,453.49; Sewer \$3,242.84, TIF #4 \$300.00.

Future Agendas

Adhoc committee, Police policies and procedures.

Adjourn

A Wilczek/Renderman motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 2/13/2018 open session meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Charles Milliren, Mayor

Carol Devine, City Deputy Clerk

(To be considered for approval at the 2/27/18 Council Meeting. Published 2/20/18)