

FEBRUARY 26, 2019 CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 26, 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 Chief Ibarra and Tim Swiggum-CDC.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

A Martine/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 2-12-19 council meeting.

Public Opinion

Under Public Opinion: Mary Smith voiced her concern over the amount of snow that was piled on both the yard and the driveway of their property at 406 E 4th St.

Public Present: Mary Smith, Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise and Nicole Shattuck-Sentinel & Rural News.

O-W Police Commission Report

Chairperson Pam Jaffke reported the Commission had approved the hiring of Christopher Brandner by Chief Ibarra as his part time officer. Officer Brander is currently an investigator with the Colby-Abbotsford Police Dept and will be working for us approximately 24 hours a month. The Commission also granted Chief Ibarra permission to retain his status as a part time officer for the county. Also, the Commission approved an increase in Chief Ibarra's pay of \$1 an hour to \$27 per hour as was voted on in closed session. The committee feels the Chief has been doing an exceptional job and will conduct another review in 6 months. A Mauel/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the O-W Police Commission Report as presented.

Personnel Committee Report

Chairperson Pam Jaffke reported the Committee has offered Tracy Rau the position of Deputy City Clerk and she has accepted. This is a part-time position of 25 hrs per week. Tracy will begin on Monday, March 4th and will be paid \$15.50 an hour. A Wilczek/Jalling motion and subsequent vote approved the Personnel Committee report.

Parks & Rec Report

A Mauel/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved allowing the Parks & Rec Committee to advertise for bids for the construction project of the new bathrooms/showers at Crowley Park. This project will be funded by monies from the Owen Public Housing Corporation.

America in Bloom Membership

A Martine/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the \$1,089 annual membership to 'America in Bloom'.

Planning Committee Resignation/Appointment

A Martine/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved to accept the resignation of Nancy Garrett and the appointment of Bob Wilczek to replace Nancy on the Planning Committee. The City of Owen appreciates Nancy for her service.

CDC Report

The Annual Business Expo will be held April 6th at the Old School. There is still interest in a new business/building by Hwy 29 overpass. We are down to only a sign needed by the Growin' Owen project for the City to receive our \$20,000 grant. Tim has been working with Mayor Milliren on the traffic counter for the quite zone; installing it, moving it at the various crossings, getting it to relay its information to us. The Downtown Revitalization Committee will be meeting again to get moving on

spring/summer projects. A Wilczek/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report as submitted by CDC Tim Swiggum.

Disbursements

A Mauel/Jaffke and subsequent vote approved to pay disbursements: City Pooled Check #28219-28234. City \$16,106.55; Water \$767.58 Sewer \$733.83 and Tax Roll \$268,332.81.

Items for Future Agendas

Parks & Rec, Quiet Zone

Mayor Milliren adjourned the 2-26-19 Open Session at 7:34.

(To be considered for approval at the 3-12-19 Council Meeting. Published 3-5-19)