

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, March 28, 2023,

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Milliren

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

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau, DPW Chad Smith and Chief Fehlman.

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/Enterprise Sentinel, Tim Swiggum, William Bratcher, Mark, and Kelli Hanson.

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

Public Comment: Tim Swiggum had a question of the political signs being too close to the polling place and thought they had to be 100ft from the property, Clerk Rau said 100ft from an entrance. William Bratcher said he was reading if they are placed on private property then the rule did not apply, he also stated that we should check into it ourselves. DPW asked William Bratcher about city owned property for signs? William Bratcher said then the restrictions do apply. Smith said signs cannot be on city property. Tim Swiggum also said there are no attribution rules on the signs "paid for by" Wilczek said that can be fixed with a sharpie. Tim Swiggum said if it is not on the sign, they should put it on there. Clerk Rau said she had a resident have an issue with Spectrum telling them they could not service out at Countryside Estates; Rau is waiting to hear back from the resident to see if it got resolved.

Approve Minutes from 2.28.23 Meeting: Jaffke/Mauel motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bratcher Candidate for Judge: William Bratcher spoke about his running for County Judge, he feels he has more hands-on with citizens than his opponent. Bratcher has been an attorney in the city of Thorp for the past 12 years. He is willing to go the extra mile for those in need.

City Hall Cleanup/Update: Clerk Rau and Chief mentioned the spring cleanup. They would like to spruce up the outside of the building, new shutters, outside faucet paint, just clean it up, get the school kids to come over and help. Senior Center sign needs to be fixed on the building, lock on the thermostat, and address numbers need to be attached. Wilczek said if it is in the maintenance budget then do it, Mauel said to bring it back to council if you run out of money in the maintenance budget.

Prices for Cleanup Day: Wilczek did get ahold of Don anything with freon - \$20.00 per item. Freezers, water coolers, water softeners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators to dispose of microwaves and ovens are \$10.00. TVs were an issue, Dynamic Recycling out of Lacrosse will cut us a break and deliver a container. They can pick up since they are coming up to Taylor County, they were supposed to send a price estimate, but they did not send one in time for the meeting. They will take TVs, cell phones, printers, and all electronic equipment. Dumpsters for the other items were approved at the last meeting. Wilczek wants to make sure on pricing, will have an answer by the next meeting.

Farmer's Market: Department of Revenue sent a form saying that there is a Temporary Event Report that needs to be done on the vendors of the Farmers Market. If we do not do that report, we will be fined \$200, and for the first offence \$500 after that. If the vendor sells anything that is taxable or \$2000, they need a license. We will need all the vendors to fill out this form. Vendors can get seller permits from the State of Wisconsin. Clerk Rau had no idea that this form existed. Fairs and Festivals need to do this as well. Wilczek/Mauel motion that when the vendor fills out the form it will be classified as their annual vendor permit for the city as well. Motion carried.

Cedar Corporation: None.

Other Reports: None

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: City \$23,176.83, Water \$12,217.82, Sewer \$132,203.72, Totaling \$203,538.55. Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve the disbursements and accounts payable. Motion carried.

Convene into closed session: Mauel/Jaffke motion to convene into close session. Roll call: Jaffke, Jalling, Mauel, Wilczek, Milliren.

Convene into closed session: per statute 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific person except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

Reconvene into open session:

Consider or take any action needed from issued discussed in closed session: No action taken. Discuss pending legal case.

Future Agenda Items: Police Committee April 4th, Planning Committee April 6th, Ordinance Meeting April 11th, Open book April 18th Virtual, Board of Review April 25th, Pricing on electronics for the Clean Up Day.

Adjourn: 7:20pm

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