

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, March 8th, 2022

LOCATION: Owen City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Milliren

Alderspersons: Joan Jalling, Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, John Mael, Ken Martine, Al Wagner

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk Tracy Rau, DPW Chad Smith, CDC Tim Swiggum

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Nicole Rogers/Sentinel & Rural News, Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Andrea Mahnke, and Tom Jirschelle.

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

Public Comment:

none

Minutes:

Motion by Wilczek/Mael to approve the minutes from February 22, 2022. with the time adjourned corrected. Motion carried.

Convene into Closed session:

Motion by Wilczek/Jalling to convene into closed session for the following purposes. Motion carried

Consideration of Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g), 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 – Wisconsin ERD Case No. CR202001731.

Reconvene into Open session

Open session 7:50 pm results of the closed session were to follow our Lawyer's recommendations.

Public Works Report:

The big discussion was on the PFAS if we should keep testing or not. Wilczek suggested that we have a meeting with the Village of Withee Board and discuss it together. Martine said if Withee does not test then it would be pointless for us to test since we are getting our water from Withee, and Wilczek agreed. Eventually, everyone will have to test for it. Smith just said he wanted to keep the council informed and to give them something to think about. WRWA is doing an energy audit looking at how we can save money as everything has went up. Azone 12% from the beginning of the year, Water Meters 12%, Sodium Hydroxide 19%, Alum 19%, Ferric 8%, Rubber Gloves 186%, Sample Tubes 44% and gas is up 105% from 2020. The Department has been out cleaning storm drains, cleaning up snow piles and cleaning and organizing sheds. Need to organize a committee to review the Statement of Qualifications for the grant the meeting will be held 3/24/22 at 9:00am at the city hall the committee will consist of Pam Jaffke, John Mael and DPW Chad Smith.

Police Meeting Report:

Martine reported that at the Police Meeting the monthly call report was impressive and quite detailed the report came in with thirty-five offenses in January and 42 offenses for the month of February. 2016 Ford Explorer is done and in service, The 2015 Explorer is getting Jimi's cage put in it and the Crown

Victoria is being primed and painted. The next Police meeting will be held at the library and at that time the Teamsters Rep will be present, and the Chief will again look over the chief contract with the city and sign.

Business Park Update:

Jim Bohl did purchase his fifteen acres this week and he has agreed to put in the curve and gutter. Metal Wholesale is ready to send their plans to the state. The Tire Recycling Plant and Metal Wholesale both know are aware they need state approved plans. Total cost for the Owen Business Park Project Cost including natural gas \$ 2,089,000.00. Financing will be through Owen's Tax Incremental District #4. Construction on the project should begin later this summer and be completed late fall 2022/early winter of 2023.

Other Committee Reports:

Wilczek said there was a Planning meeting that no one showed up for except Mauel and Wilczek and at that meeting he learned that Al Gajewski wanted off the committee. Wilczek said he had found another person and it was Kyle Westaby, but that Charlie would have to appoint him. DRC will be sponsoring a booth at the Expo; they received the \$3000.00 from the Murder Mystery Dinner. Grown' Owen had met and planned out what they are going to plant and where, I am sure that the City of Owen is going to look more beautiful than ever. American Bloom Judges will be in the City right after the fair, so everything needs to be in full bloom at that time. The farmers Market will be on Saturdays at the Mill Pond Park. DRC has a position open, and Cindy Cardinal is replacing Cindy Knight. There was some talk about hiring someone to water the flowers for 3 hours a day, 5 days a week, at \$10.00 an hour. This money would be coming from the CDC account as that would be money saved from Swiggum's wages when he backs his hours down to 20 a week.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable:

Motion by Jaffke/Wagner to accept the disbursements with question on payments to Bohl Recycling Title Insurance \$475.00, Recording fee \$330.00, and Tiny Tots 10 ft Easement Agreement \$30.00. Payroll \$17,960.51, AP since last meeting \$22,198.89, City \$26,512.22, Water & \$678.52, Sewer \$6,849.89, TIF #4 \$33,270.00
TOTAL \$ 114,470.03. Motion carried.

Suggested Items for Future Agendas:

Zoning Meeting-March 2

Parks Meeting

Police Meeting-March 1

Finance Meeting

Mayor Milliren adjourned the meeting at 8:29pm.
Next Council meeting is Tues. April 12th , 2022, at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Rau
Clerk/Treasurer