

MARCH 12, 2019
CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 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 Erik Stinson-DPW, Tim Swiggum-CDC and Police Chief Ibarra. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

A Wilczek /Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 2-26-19 council meeting.

Public Opinion

Under Public Opinion: Dan Hooks said the City was doing a wonderful job removing snow, but.. Dan also feels the Quiet Zone will cost way more than it's worth and as his area of the city was illegally surveyed many years ago, he alone should not have to pay to have it redone.

Joan Jalling then inquired as to how Deputy Clerk Tracy Rau's employment with the city could have already been in the paper on the same Tuesday as it was approved by the Council. Clerk Devine responded they had asked.

Public Present: Dan Hooks, Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise, Nelson Niemi, and Nicole Shattuck-The Sentinel and Rural News.

Treasurer's report

A Jaffke/Jalling motion and subsequent vote approved the Feb 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Public Works Report

A Wilczek/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the Public Works Report for the previous month. DPW Erik Stinson reported there had been an enormous amount of snow removal, a water leak on 5th St, had to pull the pump from Lift Stn #4 and now were clearing ice and snow from storm drains.

Parks & Rec Report

Chair Bob Wilczek reported that the Parks & Rec had met on March 11, 2019 and voted to recommend the \$28,500 bid from Lester Brubaker Construction for the renovation of the bathrooms at Crowley Park and the addition of two coin operated showers. Council will receive a final drawing and total to approve soon. A Jaffke/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the Parks & Rec report.

Police Report

A Jalling/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved the Police Report as submitted by Chief Ibarra.

Municipal Clerk and Treasurers Institute

A Mauel/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved allowing Clerk Devine to attend the Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute July 14-19 in Green Bay at the cost of \$495 plus hotel.

CDC Report

CDC Tim Swiggum reported the traffic counts were complete for the Quiet Zone Study, although a notice of intent will still be needed as far as installing dividers. The Expo will be held April 6th at the Old School and meetings are being held twice a week for planning. The Clark County Economic Development Committee met. No location has yet been set for Farm Progress Days. The CWAIC board will meet again soon and either disperse or move forward with some stated purpose.

Heartland offices have moved to Owen. They hope to be finished by July with the rail spur and parking lot. Engineers have set a bid date and process for Colman Street. The County Emergency Management meeting was held March 7th. Plans will be finalized late summer. The Planning Committee held a productive meeting last week and the Downtown Revitalization Committee will be meeting this week. A Wilczek/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

Disbursements

A Jafke/Martine and subsequent vote approved to pay disbursements: City Pooled Check #28235-28311. City \$48,824.08; Water \$25,196.55; Sewer \$14,683.98; and TIF #3 \$760.00 and TIF #4 \$24,308.90 for a total of \$113,773.51.

Items for Future Agendas

Parks & Rec, OW Police Commission update, Personnel Committee

Mayor Milliren adjourned the 3-12-19 Open Session at 7:32.

(To be considered for approval at the 3-26-19 Council Meeting. Published 3-19-19)