

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, April 11, 2023,

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Milliren

Alders: John Maue, Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, Joan Jalling and Ken Martine. Matt Riihinen absent.

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau and DPW Chad Smith

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/Enterprise Sentinel, Tom Jirschele, Andrea Mahnke, Mark and Kelly Hanson, Aaron Ruggles, and Scott Jalling.

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

Public Comment: Mark Hanson asked when building will begin in the business park. DPW Smith said as soon as the ponds are built, they finish grading and blacktop the roads.

Approve Minutes from 3.28.23 Meeting: Wilczek/Jalling motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Jaffke/Martine motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Operator Permits: Maue/Martine motion to approve the Operator Permits for Jeremy Hanson, Brenda Jenness, and Calvin Breitrick. Motion carried.

Planning Meeting: Wilczek reported a consideration on request from Aaron and Kristi Ruggles to purchase a ½ acre on the north-east corner of parcel 265.0635.000 from the city. DPW Smith couldn't find any reason not to sell to the Ruggles. They are requesting a 12 ft x 205 ft long, for the setback. 17% of an acre. \$1500.00 offer. Westaby/Loskat motion to sell the setback for \$255.00 plus all closing fees. When everything is finished the Ruggles will see about annexing the property into Longwood. Jaffke/Martine motion to approve the Planning Committees recommendation to sell the 17% of an acre for \$255.00, plus the closing costs, to Aaron and Kristi Ruggles. Motion carried. Next was a consideration on a request from Paul Cwikla to purchase parcel 265.0048.000 for \$500.00 from the city. After discussion the offer of \$500.00 for the property is not enough to cover the raze orders and back taxes, which is at least \$15,000.00. It was also discussed that a business plan should be in order. Lots of questions that need to be answered. Smith/Loskat motion to send a letter back to Cwikla that the city would need at least \$15,000.00 for the lot and a building or business plan prior to moving forward. No action was taken on that order.

New Library Employee-Megan Kelsey: Just letting everyone know that Loralee hired Megan Kelsey as the new part-time employee.

Community Clean-Up Day: Wilczek tried to contact one company for the past two weeks. Was told they were putting something together but heard nothing. DPW Smith found someone in Spencer that charges TVs \$1 an inch. Tube TVs \$2 an inch. We would keep track and bring a check to them; they will trust how we mark it down. Computers and printers are free. Monitors would be considered flat screens. Charging citizens for dropping off TVs. Anything with freon \$20 charge. Tires are based on size. Car tires \$5, Semi Tires \$15, Tractor Tires \$25, and Lawnmower/Yard Tires \$2 or \$3. Kerry Ingredients contacted DPW Smith that they wanted to do a clean sweep for their employees. They heard about our clean-up day and asked if their employees could bring stuff down, with proof of their employment. We would mark it down and send a bill to Kerry.

Cedar Corporation: None. TAP Grant was being submitted. A few different options for the Bike Trail addition. Trying to work out some details.

Public Works Report: Municipal Water – worked on the PSC report for audit and submitted. Lane Tank quote for the tower. Built in 2000, paint life is expected to be 20-25 years. Outside the tower is good enough to wash and paint. Still ok but getting thin in spots. Roof hatch at the top, 166ft, 4ft of no rail or harness, needs to be fixed up. The roof vent is no longer certified, has some gaps in it and will need to be replaced. Fix plug to prevent freezing and breaking. The tower is vulnerable during the winter. \$205,000 quoted. Checking into DNR grants. WRWA Conference. Meeting with Davy Engineering on quality trading. Meeting with Cedar Corp on quality trading. Submitted Consumer Confidants Report. Ordered PFOS sample kits. Flushing hydrants May 1st to the 5th. Sanitary Sewer – rear spring hangers rusted off the sewer truck. Matt and CJ's trucks are in rough shape. Going through Vac Truck. Pull manhole covers looking for I&I (School)(Central). SCADA Computer upgrade is just about complete (last update was 2008). Streets Department – submitted for the Canada Goose Nest and Egg Permit (received on 4/1/23). Completely went through and rebuilt the broom part on the sweeper. Hatfield Hydro Dam a year ago contacted Chad. They asked to come up and look at the Dam. Controlling the Dam. Need to build a new gate. 98 ¾ inches x 44 ½ inches. Maybe go stainless. Next year project. Streetlight was hit on main street; insurance company is taking care of it. Waiting for a quote to bill them. Withee – started the consumer confidants report for Derek. Helped with Sewer main collapse. Troubleshoot aeration blower failure Saturday night. CJ and Chad found out the motor on the roof was broken.

Owen-Withee Police Meeting Report: Jaffke reported the monthly call report, some complaints about how many traffic stops they are doing. Just shows they are doing their job. K9 deployments are the school and area schools. Equipment updates was Jake's squad needed a new alternator. Updating new uniforms. Waiting to hear back from Bonnie on the Chiefs contract. Chief and Chad are going to go through a few chapters at time through the Ordinances and updating. The Preschool classrooms toured the Police Department and City Hall. Kids seemed to enjoy it.

Other Reports: Ordinance Committee met this morning. Went through almost one chapter of the Ordinances. Looked up surrounding areas fees.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: City \$6,155.17, Water \$912.66, Sewer \$8,793.71, Totaling \$87,810.48. Wilczek/Jalling motion to approve the disbursements and accounts payable. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: In 2 years the city will be 100 years old – need to discuss, Organizational Meeting, Board of Review on April 25.

Adjourn: 6:49pm

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