

## CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023,

**LOCATION:** City Hall

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Scott Jalling

Alderspersons: Joan Jalling, Ken Martine, Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, John Mauel, and Matt Riihinen

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

**COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE:** Cindy Cardinal/Enterprise Sentinel, Tom Jirschele, Andrea Mahnke, Kellie Hanson, Mark Hanson and Attorney Jerilyn Jacobs

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

**Public Comment:** Mark Hanson spoke about the 55-speed limit sign by his house and asked if the sign could be moved up beyond Willow. The sign is going out of town and people have been speeding. Would have to talk to Clark County about having it moved. Andrea Mahnke asked if the city will recognize 'No Mow May' and if there is an ordinance. Wilczek said the council does a decree at the first meeting of May.

**Approve Minutes from 4.11.23 Meeting:** Jaffke mentioned a spelling error. Jaffke/Jalling motion to approve the 4.11.23 minutes with the spelling error fix. Motion carried.

**Convene into Closed Session:** Wilczek/Jaffke motion to convene into Closed Session. 7/7 vote. 6:08pm.

**Consideration of Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g), in order 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 – specifically discussion and consideration of results of ERD mediation in ERD Case No.: 21CV86**

**Convene into Open Session:** Wilczek/Martine motion to convene into Open Session. 6:49pm.

**Consider or take any action needed from issued discussed in Closed Session:** No action taken.

**Meeting/Committee Pay:** Clerk Rau is looking to the council for clarification of who and what committees get paid/how much. Jaffke had dropped off the minutes discussing that. Residents get paid for Sewer, Zoning, Planning and Library Board. Volunteers could be given a gift card, Chamber Bucks, or a Volunteer Picnic. What would be the difference between giving a gift card or giving money? Any Council Member on the committee board gets paid. Wilczek said most volunteers on Parks and Recreation don't want to get paid, but when they have their first meeting of the year it can be discussed and if needed can be brought back to Council. The Tree Advisory board would not get paid. DRC has their own committee so it would be up to them if they wanted to pay their members. The Library Board pays its own members. Actually, the city pays the library board members, but it comes out of the library's budget. The OW Area Development Corporation and OW Area Chamber of Commerce are not City Committees. Mayor Jalling was talking with Clerk Rau and how she pays everyone on the council. Every month she looks up every committee to see who showed up and then keeps track of it. A Voucher Sheet was made and from this point forward if everyone could sign. All Chairpersons on their respected committees also have a Voucher Sheet for their members to sign and hand in to Clerk Rau after their meeting. Make the process easier.

**Final Prices for City Cleanup Day:** Mauel/Martine motion to approve \$1.50 and inch for all TVs. Clean Sweep Day will be May 6<sup>th</sup> from 7am-3pm. Martine/Jaffke motion to get a large and medium dumpster if Kerry Ingredients is not involved and two large dumpsters if they are involved. Motion carried. Put ad in paper.

**Library Board Vacancy:** School has confirmed they will keep Debra Smith as their School Representative. The open vacancy on the board will be Nikki Hall. Maue/Riihinen motion to approve both appoints. Motion carried.

**Other Reports (Organizational Minutes) 4.18.23:** Jalling/Wilczek motion to approve the April 18<sup>th</sup> Organizational Meeting minutes with the appoints made. Motion carried.

**Disbursements/Accounts Payable:** DPW Smith hauled in all scrap from cleaning out the garage and has \$1300 in scrap money. Can that money be used to buy new chairs for the break room and a fireproof safe that can stay in the shop? Wilczek/Martine motion to approve DPW Smiths request. Motion carried. Martine spoke with Prevail about Clerk Rau getting access to the DRC. City \$24,566.13, Water \$56,026.21, Sewer \$1,902.09, Totaling \$78,494.43. Martine/Jalling motion to approve the disbursements/accounts payable. Motion carried.

Jaffke wanted to give a big thank you to the Public Works Department for all they did this last snowfall. Wilczek asked about speaking with Clark County about having the 55-speed sign moved out to Willow if the council should send a letter.

**Future Agenda Items:** 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Committee, Police Committee

**Adjourn:** 7:18pm

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