

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, April 26th, 2022,

LOCATION: Owen City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Milliren

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

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

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Nicole Rogers/Sentinel & Rural News, Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Brian Chapman/Cedar Corp., Travis Arndt and Mary Rollins/One Shot LLC, Carey Hargot/#Red Daisy.

The meeting called to order by Mayor Milliren at 6:05pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Motion by Martine/Mauel to approve the minutes from 4.26.22 with one spelling correction. Motion carried.

Cedar Corp- Contract for Application Assistance: Jalling/Jaffke motion to accept Cedar Corp \$2000.00 Contract for application assistance, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jalling/Martine motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Operator's License/Liquor License: Carey Hargot from #Red Daisy read the state statue to the council saying that a liquor license may not transfer to One Shot, LLC as they are a new business and must follow the steps to apply for a liquor license, just as the former owners did. Mary Rollins from One Shot LLC said that the license can transfer from the Thirsty Squirrel during the licensing year. She said when a license was available and, in this case, technically if the Thirsty was not selling there would be no license available. But, because of this here is a license to be transferred.to the new owners. Jalling suggested we contact our lawyer because none of us are schooled in licensing. Mayor said but, in the chapter, it says may, not shall get the license. So, it would be the Council's decision. Mauel asked if they could buy a license from another municipality that is boarding ours. Yes, they can for a minimum of \$10,000 and that is state law. A Mauel/Martine motion to contact the city attorney for guidance on the license transfer from Thirsty Squirrel to One Shot LLC and approved Robin Sixberry operator license in contingent that she has a server's permit. Also, approve Quintin Zarnis for Operator Licenses.

Sewer Commission Report: Smith said they went over the Kerry Ingredients issue. Kerry does have a new person in charge of their wastewater plant. High speed blower ordered came to just under \$10,000, the one that the bearing went out in will cost around \$7000.00. Instead of messing with all that Smith would like to buy a new more efficient high-speed blower an Ina vera brand for \$71,000. Last year phosphorus we spent \$5000.00 well, with the incident with Kerry we are at \$4000.00 already. Kerry Ingredients has agreed that anything over .35, Kerry Ingredients will pay for. Kerry did mention that the DNR would like us to redo the ditch along side the walking trail, build it up and somehow close it off from Brit Creek incase Kerry has a spill again. Smith said he does not have a problem with that, but the city is not paying for it.

Budget Amendment for water/sewer: TABLED. We need to contact CLA for advice.

Discuss Flower Basket Watering Job: Martine mentioned that we need more than one person, we would need someone 3 hours a day 7 days a week around \$10.00 an hour. Jaffke wanted to know what we were going to do on the weekends. Swiggum said he thinks we should advertise in the paper and hire two. They can take turns on the weekend and when they finish watering, they can do other jobs. Smith

said he would like a school aged person, not that he has any problem with adults. For a student it would give them the experience of working for the city. Rau will contact the school to have them make an announcement. Motion carried.

Community Clean up: Smith talked about what Taylor County charges for Clean-up Day. Bohl took the tires last year for us so, we need to ask him if he will take them again. We also need to advertise in the paper. Mael/Jaffke motion to approve the Community Clean up. Motion carried.

Other Committee Reports: Looking into permits to boar under the road or in ditches. Taylor County charges \$25.00 for anything in the green, road/curb \$250.00. The contractors damage anything they have 90 days to fix it.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable:

Motion by Martine/Jaffke to accept the disbursements as stated. Payroll 13,313.62, Insurance 4,465.37, City 6,941.86, Water 2,998.39, Sewer 3,051.52, TIF #4 42,332.26. Total 73,103.02.

Motion carried.

Suggested Items for Future Agendas: Closed session on next council meeting, personnel meeting for employee reviews, liquor license, and vacation of innovation drive, police meeting 6-month review for chief.

Adjourn: 7:03pm

Respectfully given, Tracy Rau Clerk/Treasurer