

APRIL 9, 2019
CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:07 pm at City Hall. Mayor Charles Milliren presided and Carol Devine-City Clerk, served as secretary. Roll call of Alderpersons: Jaffke, Mauel, Martine, Wagner and Wilczek. Jalling was absent. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were Chief Ibarra, Brian Chapman-Cedar Corp and Tim Swiggum-CDC.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 3-26-19 council meeting.

Public Opinion

Under Public Opinion: no public opinion

Public Present: Mary Smith, Bill DeGroot, Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise and Travis Rogers-Sentinel & Rural News.

Treasurer's report

A Jaffke/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the March 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Public Works Report

DPW Erik Stinson reported 'flushable wipes' are an issue. They are clogging up the motors in the lift stations. A Mauel/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the Public Works Report for the month of March.

Police Report

Chief Ibarra reported 'vaping' is an issue both at the school and in the community. He recommended that the city ordinances be updated to disallow 'vaping' in public places. A Martine/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the Police Report for March.

Schade Lawsuit

Former Police Chief, Andrew Schade is again suing the city.

This is the response from the City's Liability Insurance Carrier: "Good morning. I write with an update in the Schade matter. We moved to dismiss the claim last year. In response, recognizing that we had a good chance of winning on the motion, Schade had filed an amended complaint, trying to fix the deficiencies in the original complaint. Only a breach of contract claim was added to the original claims. We will likely move to dismiss parts of this complaint as well and file an answer to the complaint."

Colman Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project-Bid Award Recommendation:

Brian Chapman, Cedar Corporation, reported to the council the current bids for the Colman Street Project came in way too high. He felt if they could avoid the storm sewer and the Railroad, they could save the City a lot of money. Of course, this would entail putting it out to bid again. A Wilczek/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved rejecting all current bids for the Colman St project, advertising for a re-bid minus the railroad and county road access and granting Cedar Corp an additional \$1,500 to cover the added expense.

League of Wisconsin Municipalities Policyholder Conference

A Wilczek/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved allowing DPW Erik Stinson and City Clerk Carol Devine to attend the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Policyholder Conference to be held May 8-9 at Wisconsin Dells.

CDC Report

Heartland financing has begun. D A Davidson will be working with Ehlers. The second round of groundwater testing has also commenced. This will put us one step closer to obtaining our environmental insurance-VPLE, for the Heartland project. The Annual Business Expo was held April 6th at the Old School: huge success with over 45 booths and more than 600 visitors. The Downtown Revitalization Committee will be sponsoring a Street Dance on July 20th. This is also the date of the 'All Class Reunion' and the celebration of Mael's Dairy being in business 100 years. The Community Guide Ad is completed. The Trail Grant contract is signed. Can work toward bid specs and ad when ready. A Jaffke/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report as submitted by CDC Tim Swiggum.

Disbursements

After questions being answered clarifying checks #28360 and #28366, a Martine/Mael and subsequent vote approved to pay disbursements: City Pooled Check #28340-28394. City \$53,182.96; Water \$505,236.67; Sewer \$11,807.39; and TIF #4 \$207.00.

Items for Future Agendas

Community Code Service-New Ordinances, Parks & Rec, Vaping issue

Mayor Milliren adjourned the 4-9-19 Open Session at 7:40.

(To be considered for approval at the 4-23-19 Council Meeting. Published 4-16-19)