

**CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 24, 2025

**LOCATION:** City Hall

**TIME:** 6:02 pm

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Scott Jalling

Alderspersons: Ray Kilty(called in), John Mauel(absent), Ken Martine, Jason Thornton, Bob Wilczek(absent), and Pam Jaffke

**ATTENDANCE LIST:** DPW Director Chad Smith, Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau

**COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE:** Cindy Cardinal/ES-Enterprise Sentinel, Kelly Booth, Rick Nelson, Dan Hooks Sr., Jean and Jason Marcott(accompanied by two others)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jalling at 6:02 pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Hooks started the discussion by disapproving of the Fireworks Petition that went around. It affects residents' pets as well as our Vet population. Some residents observe the holiday before and after the holiday as well; and at times the fireworks will hit the buildings. Mr. and Mrs. Marcott expressed similar concerns to the permit given, their own dogs are affected by these fireworks no matter how big or small or where they are let off.

**Approve Council Meeting Minutes 6.10.25:** A Jaffke/Martine motion to approve. Motion carried

**Approve Updated Chicken Ordinance:** A few questions regarding the new ordinance came up(a grandfathered clause, are they a problem, how many is too many ); after much discussion it will be turned over to the City Attorney if he does not have to look at and make recommendations for the next meeting.

**Approve Picnic License for Owen Jr. Fair/Centennial Event for July 19<sup>th</sup>:** A Thornton/Martine motion to approve. Motion carried

**Approve Operators License-Phil Greschner & Rocky Lehr:** A Martine/Jaffke motion to approve. Motion carried

**Discuss/Act on Auditing TIF 4:** A Martine/Thornton motion to reject the Audit of TIF 4. Motion carried

**Approve Conventional Rate Case:** As stated at last meeting we are moving forward with the Water Increase, Withee is doing the same and is currently in front of PSC. We met with the gentleman today and he will be back in three weeks to answer any questions we have and to go through what we have done. A Jaffke/Martine to move forward with the Conventional Rate Case. Motion carried

**Approve CMR Report:** It should be the CMAR(Compliance Maintenance Annual Report) report which is an annual report provided; it is like a report card. Our Direct of DPW, Chad Smith, went through the report. We were given a 4.0 GPA; he offered a copy to the Council. He felt we met what was expected of us in the rating, now Matt Bottlemey is Certified as an Advanced Waste Water Operator as well as Mr. Smith so that is helpful. He nor Matt will ever say we are Excellent, meaning there is always room for appovement. Whoever approves this report, Mr. Smith will write down the approval along with a signature will be needed. A Martine/Thornton motion to approve. Motion carried

**Discuss/Approve Fire District:** Alderperson Thornton stated that Mr. Travis Serocki will be having a meeting next Thursday to discuss the project and any grant funding. He invited our DPW Director to attend the meeting. Alderperson Thornton requested a copy of the minutes from the council meeting that they approved the testing/boring to take place giving them till the first of the year; with a commitment to build on this land if all ok. Our DPW Director had some concerns about the boring and where the corn is planted and when this will take place. If they ruin the crops the farmer will have to be compensated for the loss. The letter to the city needs to be drawn up as well.

**Mayor's Report:** Met with Rocky Lehr, Phil Greschner and the 4H Board, the trailer the 4H uses for the cheese curd stand during the fair has seen better days. The 4H would like to cut a hole in the concession stand; being the city owns the building, a Parks Meeting will need to be held by Alderperson Kilty prior to our next meeting. Mr. Aaron Ruggles will be

doing most of the work along with Mr. Ross Kaz to vent it out (all the piping). We also found out about the Village of Withee decision regarding the Police Agreement in the paper. At the next meeting we will invite our City Attorney to either come to the meeting or by phone to get his advice on the next steps. Since the last meeting we also met with a housing developer interested in building low-income housing in Countryside Estates. The covenants were given to them to look through and to give to their attorneys; more to come.

**Other Reports:** None

**Disbursements/Accounts Payable:** A Mauel/Jaffke motion to approve. Motion carried

**Future Agenda Items:** Chicken Ordinance, Police Agreement Contract/City Attorney invite, Park Meeting-Concession Stand; Fire Department

**Adjourn:** A Martine/Jaffke motion at 6:51 pm. Motion carried

Respectfully given to the best of my ability, Kelly Booth, Deputy Clerk