

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 09, 2024

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00 pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

Alderspersons: Ray Kilty, Ken Martine(Absent), Jason Thornton; Bob Wilczek, Pam Jaffke, John Mauel

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau, DPW Chad Smith, Deputy Kelly Booth

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/ES-Enterprise Sentinel, Tom Jirschele, Mark and Kellie Hanson, Jeffer Schuerer, Dennis from Cedar Corporation, and Mike from Bowmar

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

Public Comment: The Scheuerer's are avid photographers in the Owen area. They like to walk on the trail by the millpond which is now cut back so there is no wildlife anymore or vegetation here. In her opinion it is silent and stale now.

Approve 06.25.24 Meeting Minutes: A Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve minutes as written. Motion carried.

Tap Grant: The City Council invited Dennis from Cedar Corp to the meeting to talk about the bike trail grant. He had a conversation with our DPW Director prior to the meeting. The city does have time to budget for their portion. After extensive discussion the trail was tabled until the August meeting.

Delinquent Water Bills: The DPA's have been set up; payments as of now are being made as agreed

City Hall Report: Clerk/Treasurer Rau and Deputy Booth have been working on getting out Absentees for the upcoming Elections; Delinquent water bills/DPA agreements; the 2023 Audit; reconciliation of the bank accounts; the Owen Jr. Fair Set-up(dumpsters, porta-potties, coolers, etc.); the city-wide garage sale advertisement; liquor licenses; and we also had a dog in house.

Public Works Report: We did quarterly read of water in June, we will continue to watch the delinquent list. We have submitted information for PFOS. Our lift station #3 has been fully cleaned and serviced. The overhead doors in the shop have been fixed and new remotes have been installed where needed. We have been busy painting curbs, crosswalks, and parking spots. The grass has been cut by Xcel Property and the yard that needed the city to complete the mowing and trimming according to our ordinance has also been billed. We are diligently getting ready for the Owen Jr. Fair, the campground has been inspected by the county, we have cleaned up several trees that were down or needed to be cut due to the storms in the area. I ordered \$7500 worth of safety signs with the safety crossing grant we received. And lastly the land purchase from the DOT has been granted for \$100 that will be returned to us once the construction is finished.

Special Permits: A Wilczek/Mauel motion to approve #Reddaisy and Owen Jr. Fair tabling the Owen Car Show. Motion Carried.

Bowmar Appraisal: Mike from Bowmar was on hand to answer questions from the board, we are currently out of compliance with assessments. The board was given notice at the BOR meeting, we should be doing a re-evaluation every 5 years for sure to remain in compliance. The City of Owen is scheduled for next year for this to happen as Withee is currently going through a re-evaluation.

Countryside Estates Lot Prices: Clerk/Treasure Rau gave an update to all purchases of the lots except Lot 8, couldn't find. Going forward it is a set price per lot.

Mayor's Report: Don't forget about the fair this weekend; a picture of all residents from Owen after the parade. We will be selling Centennial tickets as well

Other Reports: Police Committee attached; Alderperson Jaffke said during public comment we had a resident wondering about cleaning up of cars. The call report was and map was went through; in 2024 they had some unique calls; Jimi update was given, also a garage update to maintain cars is in need.

Treasurer's Report: Thornton/Mauel motion to approve; motion carried.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: Wilczek/Kilty motion to approve; motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: Car Show and Peterson Special Permit/License, Tap Grant, Liquor License

Adjourn: 7:45 pm Mauel/Jaffke motion. Motion carried.

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