

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 25, 2023,

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

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

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau.

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/Enterprise Sentinel, Andrea Mahnke and Tom Jirschele.

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

Public Comment: Andrea Mahnke had a question about the mowing ordinances. Countryside Estates has not been mowed in over a month. Emailed DPW Chad, Mayor Jalling, Chief Fehlman and Matt Riihinen, but had not heard anything since. Mayor Jalling will discuss with Chad and no decision has been made. Mayor Jalling would also like to add that a Public Comment has been added at the end of the meeting if something is discussed during the meeting it can then be addressed.

Approve Minutes from 7.11.23 Meeting: Wilczek mentioned under Historical Society, approval on the three items, what was the decision on the siren? We are not donating, just allowing to display. One of a kind item, recommend keeping on insurance. Cindy Cardinal said talking with Chad, they wondered if the siren would fit through the door. Possible to cut down the posts the siren is on, lowering it so people can see it. Mayor Jalling said to make it an agenda item and not to take off the insurance. Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve the 7/11/23 minutes with that clarification. Motion carried.

Cedar Corporation: Brian is not here to speak but he does request we approve the Pay App #3 for Haas Sons, Inc.

Pay App #3 from Haas Sons, Inc for Business Park: Retainer is on this payment. Clerk Rau mentioned that is the final payment after everything is finished and approved. Mauel asked how things were going at the business park and if there was a completion date? Clerk Rau and Mayor Jalling said they don't know when that is. Wilczek mentioned that it looks nice, and construction has started on the Metal Wholesale building. Riihinen asked if the blacktop was complete. He was under the impression that no blacktop was to be done until after construction so that the trucks would not tear it up. Wilczek said Brian was saying the heavy truck traffic will be beneficial and will disperse and pack down. Mauel asked if Brian and Chad have approved the payment. They have. Mauel/Martine motion to pay App #3 of \$431,607.51 for Haas Sons, Inc. Motion carried.

Update on sale of parcel 265.0700.000 in the City of Owen: Clerk Rau said parcel 265.0700.000 is located on X, Esker's was going to purchase. Chad spoke with Esker, who needs to discuss it before getting back to Chad, who then will let the Council know of a decision. Mayor Jalling asked if there was someone still interested? Clerk Rau said yes that Chad had someone interested. Wilczek said he had someone interested as well. His person is looking at both this property and the ten acres in the industrial park, seeing which to put their offer in on. Jaffke was wondering how much time we are giving Esker. Mauel thought Esker was supposed to have a year and first option. Clerk Rau said that is correct, but it has been over a year. Chad was to look for water, which he did and was advised from Rural Water that the location would not be a good spot for water, by their topographical maps and sonar they do. J. Jalling said Eskers thought that the water would be in the front five acres instead of the back. That was never discussed at City Council. It was always going to be in the back, and they always had the frontage of that land. Wilczek asked if we give Eskers until the next council meeting August 8. Should have an answer by then.

The proper posting of Property sale of easement between Parcel 265.0301.004 and Parcel 265.0301.019 to Michelle Krahn for \$500.00: Clerk Rau said this was approved at the last meeting. Mauel asked who is paying for the surveying. Wilczek said that was already done as part of the initial building of that area. Clerk Rau will pay the \$30 for the Quick Claim Deed since she has already received Krahn's check. Wilczek/Mauel motion the official sale of the easement between Parcel 265.0301.004 and Parcel 265.0301.019 to Michelle Krahn for \$500. Motion carried.

Properties in Countryside Estates: Wilczek has not spoken with Jim Bohl yet. Will try to do before the next meeting. Would like to have a Planning Meeting before the August 8 meeting, to discuss and look at contracts. Clerk Rau said the question was were the lots paid for, which they are. Mauel asked if they were all in Bohl's name. Clerk Rau said they are all paid for, his invoice for \$10,000 for the curb and gutter has not been paid, but he is being billed monthly.

Mayor's Report: Curious about the Speed Sign. Clerk Rau said batteries have been purchased and are in but have not heard anything further.

Other Business/Reports: Wilczek spoke of the Parks and Recreation meeting on July 18. Chad discussed tearing down the warming shelter and rebuilding. During the summer the building would house the snowplows and would be a warming shelter for ice skating and such during the winter. He was looking into a 15x15x10 shed and prices at the next meeting. Possibly co-oping with Parks and Recreation and Public Works, along with Mayor Jalling was going to speak with the Will Maki Foundation. Crowley Park lights are becoming a hazard. Quote for lights to come down and then cut down poles. Trees to look at during the next meeting which will be August 15 at 6:00pm. The batters net by the ball field was damaged by snow. That was donated by the Lions Club. The walking bridges by the Mill Pond were replaced. Public Works dipped into their street budget to complete, so going to look at the Parks and Recreation budget to see what can be put towards that. They did a nice job. The \$11,000 donated for Parks and Recreation was earmarked for the bathroom, pavilion, and dog park. The bathroom and pavilion are completed, focusing on the dog park. Would be great to work on these things as a committee. Martine said the DRC submitted Committee minutes and an updated Treasurers Report. Found at the back of everyone's packets. Clerk Rau will have the Treasurers' Report for the next meeting.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: City \$7,680.24, Water \$4,310.67, Sewer \$6,474.34, TIF #4 \$431,607.51. Total \$603,790.59. Martine/Riihinen motion to approve the disbursements/accounts payable. Motion carried.

Public Comment on an Agenda Item: Mahnke wanted to mention that according to the Clark County Register of Deeds, Bohl owns eight lots and only has developed on two.

Future Agenda Items: Siren, Parks and Recreation meeting August 15, 6:00pm.

Adjourn: 6:27 pm

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