

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, August 22, 2023,

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

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

ATTENDANCE LIST: Deputy Clerk Jessi Stolfi, DPW Chad Smith and Chief Fehlman.

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/Enterprise Sentinel

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jalling at 6:06pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes from 8.8.23 Meeting: Jaffke/Jalling motion to approve minutes. Motion carried.

DRC Street Permits: Chief Fehlman discussed a complaint from a group that rented the Concession Stand/Band Pavilion this past weekend. They had set up Thursday and Friday and came back Saturday to find a lot of the tables gone and all the garbage cans missing. This group ended up purchasing garbage cans from Dollar General. The Car Show was this weekend as well. There were picnic tables obstructing the sidewalk and the Mill Pond garbage cans were on Central. Spoken with DRC and picnic tables were returned today. With this being the first year with the new Street Permits, a concern was just making sure all rules are being followed. If the park is being rented, then items should not be removed. Mayor Jalling spoke with Tim Swiggum with the DRC and he mentioned speaking with the Clerk or Deputy Clerk in the future about if the park is rented, how many tables they would need, etc. It was an oversight, having better communication. Chief Fehlman spoke of another incident after the first street dance. Some DRC members made rude comments about the city and police department to a county officer. Will investigate more. DPW Smith heard a complaint about vendors from the Farmers Market moving to Central. It was a miscommunication. Cindy Cardinal said the issue was there was the Farmers Market vendors, who were set up on the Old School lawn, and then there was vendors for the Car Show, who were told to sign up with Carrie at #RedDaisyGirl before the Car Show.

Haas 2nd Payment Request: Postponed, not signed in time, on Agenda in two weeks.

Convene into closed session:

Consideration Under WI Statutes 19.85(g)Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. – Nuisance Abatement.

Jaffke/Jalling motion. Motin carried.

Reconvene into open session: Jalling/Mauel motion to reconvene into open session. Only action is to direct Chief Fehlman to have more conversations with the City Attorney.

Parks & Rec Meeting: DPW Smith mentioned Parks & Rec Committee met down at Crowley Park on August 15. Discussed where the swing will go. Possibly moving a large concrete slab in order to place the swing set. Since the batting cage was taken down, the sand from that area will be reclaimed and put under the swing set. Discussed three trees that need to come down. Talked a little bit about better rules for the Campground. Coming up with an agreement for workers who would need to have longer stays. Having an Ordinance Committee meeting to update and look over the rules, then come back to council for approval. Showed how the bathroom is settling and separating itself from the old building. Will need to be regouted. Talked about the warming hut, got some quotes. 24x24 steel building, two windows, entry door, 8 ft high garage door, 10 ft ceiling, and pricing of

concrete, the quote was \$15-\$26,000. Also toyed with the idea about closing surrounding parks and focusing on just one park, such as the Mill Pond. Moving the campground to the northern part of the Mill Pond. J Jalling said a lot of money has been put into Crowley with the pavilion and updating the showers. Smith said the Parks budget has dwindled over the years. Maybe we need to downsize to do more with the money we have. J Jalling said Crowley is such a nice area with the trees. Mill Pond is just, dirt. Would prefer camping at Crowley than at the Mill Pond. Kerry Park is used a lot by the families in the apartments. Next meeting September 14 at 6:00pm.

Planning Meeting: DPW Smith mentioned how Pat Esker would like to purchase the 32-34 acres on the north side of X heading out of town, having a Midway Steel building out there. The board decided they would like to see a business plan. Another business was interested in that area too. Also discussed with them the land available in the last 10-acre lot at the Business Park. It would be a used car lot/mechanic. Spoke with them today and they would be interested but Smith would like Cedar Corp to come out and measure since the pond got bigger. Plat it out to see how many acres are there. There would be two ways to get into that lot. This business would like to start building this fall if possible. J Jalling said Esker needs to make a decision once he has his business plan and we have to have a stipulation that he will build during such a time. Smith said the committee wants to see a business plan and a timeline.

Mayor's Report: Clerk Rau got a call from the Register of Deeds saying we cannot sell the parcel to Michelle Krahn. It was ran through the Attorney and the Attorney missed it. The Register of Deeds lady said the Attorney should have known that. If we abandon the parcel, we would have to split the property and give it to the adjoining landowners. Mauel and J Jalling both think the city should keep it. Smith agrees. Mayor Jalling spoke with Krahn and she understands. Discussed mowing in the Countryside Estates. See about getting ahold of a realtor to help get word out that the lots are for sale. Maybe even a developer. Bohl's main focus is the Tire Recycling Plant in the Business Park. Experience with the Car Show, thought it went really well. The reviews were over the top impressed with Chief Fehlman's interaction and appearance during the show. Officer Haugstad even sat in the dunk tank along with the Mayor. Mauel said he attended, and it was a very good time. Only complaint was no one could hear the contestants during the Pin Up Contest. Chief Fehlman mentioned a few people interested in pitching a possible burn out contest next year.

Other Business/Reports: None.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: City \$9,920.00, Water \$2,911.66, Sewer \$2,588.08 TIF #4 \$500.00. Total \$594,793.57. Jalling/Riihinen motion to approve the disbursements/accounts payable. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Future Agenda Items: Haas 2nd Pay Request. See about having an Ordinance Meeting before next council meeting.

Adjourn: 7:38pm

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