

## CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023,

**LOCATION:** City Hall

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Scott Jalling

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

**ATTENDANCE LIST:** Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau, DPW Chad Smith and Chief Fehlman.

**COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE:** Cindy Cardinal/Enterprise Sentinel, Andrea Mahnke, Tom Jirschele, Tim Swiggum, Charlie Milliren, Carrie Hargot, Travis Hargot and Mark Hanson.

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

**Approve Minutes from 7.25.23 Meeting:** Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Car Show:** Martine made a statement. The Car Show on Saturday August 19 will have car registration from 10am-noon. They are fully aware of parking, have spoken with area businesses and will try to provide as much access for parking as possible. All side streets will be open. Expecting 75 or more cars for the show and will close at 1:00pm. Park cars as far south as possible. Carrie Hargot said she did not agree to parking cars south, has two businesses on Central and only fair they can park in front of them. It is the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, one day a year. Wilczek said this is why we have the street permit. The DRC has done everything correctly. Have signs posted about parking hours, warning to move vehicle, possibly towing.

**Hunting Permit:** Chief had a gentleman call asking if he could bow hunt on city property just north and south of Highway 29. Wilczek was concerned about wounding an animal and having it come into town or onto 29. There is an ordinance against it. Jalling/Martine motion no hunting on city property. Motion carried.

**Siren at the "Old City Hall":** Agreement that if the Historical Society would disband then the city would take back. Wilczek/Martine motion to maintain ownership of the siren and loan it to the Historical Society for as long as they are a Historical Society and would like an agreement written up and signed by both head of Historical Society and Mayor. Motion carried.

**Update on Parcel 265.0700.00 in the City of Owen:** Meeting this Thursday. An Agreement will be written up having a certain amount of time to develop and if that doesn't match it would then come back to the city.

**Public Works Report:** Municipal Water – lead and copper samples completed, and all passed. DNR cancelled PFAS testing based on the most recent test results. Streets Department – patching holes and crack filling 28 city blocks. Willow Ave and Barager St in bad shape, have 2" blacktop down but should have been 4". Meeting with WI DOT and Clark County about over pass 122, would like to narrow road and median to 22'. Clean up over pass 122. Look for Annexation paperwork. Working on the 2023 WISLR road ratings report. Removing baseball field lights and batting cage in Crowley Park. The building is delivered this week for Metal Wholesale.

**Mayor's Report:** Nothing at this time.

**Other Business/Reports:** Police report. Chief Fehlman mentioned the Wednesday after Owen Days he and Officer Haugstad participated in a detail with DOT State Patrol. It was an 'Enforcement of Speed' and they ended up stopping 37 cars in town. Speed limit sign is up, located by the bus garage.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wilczek/Jalling motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**Disbursements/Accounts Payable:** City \$5,885.74, Water \$437.32, Sewer \$2,136.42, TIF #4 \$11,888.94. Total \$632,062.66 w/o payroll. Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve the disbursements/accounts payable. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Jalling said after meeting with the Attorney, Public Comment will not be questions and answers, just comments. Andrea Mahnke, weeds in Countryside Estate lots. Cindy Cardinal, the siren Agreement. Mark Hanson, culverts on Willow are getting worse. Tim Swiggum, there are a lot of cats downtown, finding a plan to alleviate the issue.

**Future Agenda Items:** Planning Meeting within the next week. Parks and Recreation meeting Tuesday August 15, 6:00pm at Crowley Park to discuss trees that are in bad shape.

**Adjourn:** 6:42 pm

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