

## **AUGUST 27, 2019 CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL**

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor Charles Milliren presided and Carol Devine-City Clerk, served as secretary. Roll call of Alderpersons: Jaffke, Mauel, Martine, Wagner, Jalling and Wilczek. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were Chief Ibarra, Officer Juzwiak and Tim Swiggum-CDC.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Minutes**

A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 8-13-19 council meeting.

### **Public Opinion**

Under Public Opinion: Kelly Kurhais voiced her concerns regarding the amount of dust the Heartland trucks were raising upon exiting their driveway. Mayor Milliren and CDC Swiggum agreed to reach out to Heartland regarding the matter.

**Public Present:** Kelly Kurhais and Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise

### **OW Police Commission Report**

Chair Jaffke reported the OW Police Discipline Committee held their organizational meeting on August 22, 2019. The Committee consists of two citizens from Owen and two Withee representatives. Chief Ibarra recommended that due to the drug problem and related issues, and the alarming rise in sexual assault cases, a third officer be hired. The Chief has been fielding calls on his off hours that should be sent to the County, but they, too, are busy. The Commission decided that after reporting to their respective councils and going over their budgets, the issue of hiring a third officer would be revisited.

### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee has been looking into Teamcare Insurance for the City Employees. Due to the substantial savings, the committee has decided to offer the employees the M9 Teamcare plan in leu of the C6 plan.

### **Ad hoc Committe**

Chair Wilczek reported the committee formally known as the Ad hoc Committee will now be known as the Municipal Building Committee. The Committee has been looking into different options for a much-needed new municipal building. Ken Martine shared with the Council a letter he had sent to Rita Griffin, the Property Manager for WE Energies, one of the locations the committee is considering.

### **Parks & Rec Recommendations**

A Jaffke/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the Parks & Rec Committee to spend \$1,400 on Playground Equipment for Crowely Park.

A Mauel/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved the Parks & Rec Committee accepting \$75,000 from Owen Public Housing with up to \$50,000 designated for the new Bath/Shower building.

### **Presidential Election Academy**

A Mauel/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved Clerk Devine to attend the Presidential Election Academy Nov 20-22, 2019 in Green Bay.

### **Downtown Revitalization Committee**

A Jaffke/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the DRC to purchase an electric trackless train for \$22,000. The monies will come from an AARP grant and donated money along with utilizing grant money set aside for Growin' Owen. The DRC will be soliciting other donations in an attempt not to use those funds unless needed. Joan Jalling voted nay.

### **America In Bloom Symposium**

A Jaffke/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved Travis and Nicole Rogers to attend the AIB Symposium in St Charles IL October 3-5, 2019 at the cost of \$345 per person, plus three nights hotel stay, mileage not included. This money will be paid out through the grant monies.

### **CDC Report**

CDC Swiggum reported the Car Show and Street Dance was well attended. There were 51 cars exhibited. Heartland held their Open House on August 15<sup>th</sup>. That was also well attended. The Garbage Contract needs to be decided on at our next meeting. Do we stay with unlimited garbage that we have now or go with containers provided? The House of Friends met and the start date for the after-school program is Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Milliren, Tim and the landowner attended the Farm Technology Days meeting last week. Two sites were mentioned with the proposals being due on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. On Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, Pippins Pub and Grub will be hosting a street dance.

### **Disbursements**

A Martine/Mauel and subsequent vote approved to pay disbursements: City Pooled Check #29778-28821. City \$19,628.05; Water \$1,2301.02; Sewer \$2,110.80; and TIF #4 \$738,574.53.

### **Items for Future Agendas**

Garbage Contract, Exc Conference, update on properties

Mayor Milliren adjourned the 8-27-19 Open Session Meeting at 7:45.

**(To be considered for approval at the 9-10-19 Council Meeting. Published 9-4-19)**