

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 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, Wagner, and Wilczek. Jalling and Martine were absent. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were Chief Ibarra, Brian Chapman-Cedar Corp, Chad Smith-DPW and Tim Swiggum-CDC.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

A Wilczek/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 8-27-19 council meeting.

Public Opinion

Under Public Opinion: no Public Opinion

Public Present: Kurt Redfern and Ken Ness-Express Disposal, Travis & Nicole Rogers-Sentinel & Rural News and Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise

United Communities Garbage Contract

After a presentation by Kurt Redfern and Ken Ness-Express Disposal, a Jaffke/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved a 10 yr contract with Express Disposal. The cost of the services will be refuse at \$8.75 per unit per month and recycling at \$3.00 per month, held firm the first two years, then revisited annually for the remainder of the contract with maximum adjustment of 3% per year. Bulky item pickups are included, along with trash service supplied for city parks, city shop and city hall. Also included are dumpsters for special events. The new containers will be delivered to all households prior to the 1st of the year, when the new contract goes into effect. Two of the new garbage containers will be put behind City Hall so people can see them.

Heartland Rail Spur Watermain

Cedar Corporation submitted a Construction Services Proposal to the City of Owen regarding the Heartland Rail Spur Water Main. Cedar Corp is to review the design by Heartland's engineers and provide design recommendations, observe construction and attend required governing agency meetings at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. As this is Heartland's Rail Spur, the cost of this proposal will be forwarded to them. A Mauel/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the payment to Cedar Corp of \$3,500 for the Construction Services Proposal with the cost then being billed to Heartland.

Raze or Repair Property Updates

At the suggestion of Bob Christianson, our building inspector, the information regarding the two properties the City wishes to raze or repair; the house at 319 E 2nd St and the building at 141 E 4th St, has been forwarded to our lawyer. We are awaiting his reply.

Executive Conference Report

Mayor Milliren felt Chief Executive Workshop he attended August 21st through the 23rd. in Elkhart Lake was time well spent. Some of the subject matters covered were 'Expanding Housing Options in Your Community', 'Keeping Talent Home', 'Leading Positive Change for Your Community'.

Sept 14th Street "Closure"

A Mauel/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved allowing Pippin's Pub & Grub to close off 5th Street from Main Street to the alley on Sat, Sept 14th, for their street dance.

CDC Report

CDC Swiggum reported the proposal for the Farm Progress Days had been submitted. We have a proposed partnership with the County, the City, the Clark County Rehab & Living Center, a Mennonite family, who wish to remain anonymous, and the Dan Bakke family. The Executive Committee will tour the different locations and make their decision at a later date. The House of Friends Program is underway for the new school year. The Will Maki Foundation is interested in placing a bench by the Warming Shelter by the Mill Pond in Will's honor. Weather Tracker needed for 7 a.m. report for NOAA. Potential 50,000 sq ft warehouse on Hwy 29.

Chad Smith, DPW, presented his Public Works Report to the Council. Brian Pietz, DNR, conducted his inspection. The Bike Trail was brushed 12' to 14' saving the City \$5,000. The sewer mains on 3rd and 4th Street needed to be jetted. Too many 'disposal wipes' being flushed.

Disbursements

A Wilczek/Mauel and subsequent vote approved to pay disbursements: City Pooled Check #28822-28864. City \$32,939.52; Water \$11,197.17; and Sewer \$6,133.32.

Mayor Milliren adjourned the 9-10-19 Open Session Meeting at 8:19.

(To be considered for approval at the 9-24-19 Council Meeting. Published 9-17-19)