

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**  
**CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL**

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor Charles Milliren presided and Carol Devine-City Clerk, served as secretary. Roll call of Alderpersons: Jalling, Martine, Mauel, Wagner, and Wilczek. Jaffke, was 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 Mauel/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 9-10-19 council meeting.

**Public Opinion**

Under Public Opinion: no Public Opinion

**Public Present:** Travis Rogers-Sentinel & Rural News, Paul Lovinus Teamsters L662, and Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise

**Treasurer's Report**

A Wilczek/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved the August Treasurer's Report with the noted change to Account #07-1010685-8, CDBG Checking Account.

**Teamsters Local 662**

A Wilczek/Jalling motion and subsequent vote approved Teamsters Local 662 to be the Bargaining Representatives for the employees of the City of Owen, effective 1-1-20.

**Local Road Improvement Program**

Brian Chapman-Cedar Corp informed the Council of a new MLS program the Wisconsin DOT was introducing. The significant advantage to this program is that is it 90% funded by State and 10% by City. The minimum project size is \$250,000 and we can apply for up to three road improvement projects. No fee will be charged by Cedar Corp to apply for this grant.

**Investment of Bond Proceeds/Resolution 2019-6**

A Martine/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution 2019-6 allowing the City to establish an account with the State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool. The City is not able to pay off state loans until the end of the year so by depositing the bond proceeds with the LGIP, the city will be earning a higher rate of interest.

**Garbage Contract**

A Martine/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved Express Disposal to be the official garbage service for the City of Owen beginning 1-1-20. The fee per household for garbage and recycling will be \$11.75 per household per month. As we receive a recycling grant for a portion of the recycling costs, the amount charged per customer will be \$10.75 per month.

**Liability Insurance**

A Wilczek/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved our annual Liability Insurance Premium as submitted at a cost of \$17,983, a \$1,339 reduction from last year.

**Police Commission**

Ken Martine reported on the Police Commission meeting held prior to the Council Meeting. The budget was discussed, along with the probability of a part-time officer. Bob Wilczek thanked the officers their assistance on EMS and Fire calls. The 1 yr review of Chief Ibarra and the 3 mo review of Officer Dave Juzwiak was postponed until next meeting due to time.

**City Representative to O-W Fire Assn Meetings/Resolution 2019-5**

A Mauel/Jalling motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution 2019-5 appointing Allen Wagner as our City Representative to the O-W Fire Assn Meetings and Charlie Milliren as our alternate. Bob Wilczek abstained.

**CDC Report**

CDC Swiggum reported the Farm Technology Days Committee had their initial meeting with the Dan Bakke family and presented them with the contract that needs to be signed should they be chosen as the site for the 2022 Farm Technology Days. Thank you to Ken Martine and Tom Swiggum for planting the Grownin' Owen trees behind the post office and the library. More work yet to be done. Tim is working on letters going out to area business/organizations to come and be part of our Autumnfest, our community celebration. We would also like business to take part in the Scarecrow Contest. Owen will be the host of United Communities in November. The life size electric train has been ordered. None of the money used to pay for this train is taxpayer dollars. 'Trunk or Treat' is scheduled to take place on Main Street in front of the library before 'Trick or Treating' hours on Halloween.

**Disbursements**

A Wilczek/Mauel and subsequent vote approved to pay disbursements: City Pooled Check #28865-28901. City \$21,600.47; Water \$11,197.17; Sewer \$6,882.95 and TIF #4 \$14,889.58.

Mayor Milliren adjourned the 9-24-19 Open Session Meeting at 7:47.

**(To be considered for approval at the 10-8-19 Council Meeting. Published 10-1-19)**