

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00 pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

Alderpersons: Jason Thornton, Ken Martine, Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, John Mauel, Ray Kilty

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau, Chief Fehlman

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/ES-Enterprise Sentinel, Kelly Booth, and Lorelee Peterson

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

Public Comment: None

Approve Council Meeting Minutes 10.14.25: A motion by Wilczek/Thornton to approve. Motion carried

Approve 2026 Budget: A motion by Martine/Mauel to approve. Motion carried

New Library Board Member: A motion by Wilczek/Jaffke to approve John Kolpanen as the new library board member. Motion carried

Library Roof: Looked at all the bids, we will complete the project next spring/summer; Alderperson Kilty will work with our Library Director, Lorelee, to make sure bids are coming in the same. A motion by Kilty/Martine to move forward with the library roof. Motion carried

Garage: Finance Committee felt that the city should pay for it instead of the savings from the police dept. We have \$5000 this year, to spend on the wanes coat and the rest will be budgeted. We have received quotes on the completion of the garage. A motion by Martine/Wilczek to move forward with the garage. Motion carried

Police Budget: Presented at last meeting; A motion by Wilczek/Mauel to approve. Motion carried

Abatement Information: Our City Attorney will follow up with the Chief in the first week of November, which will be dates and other updates for him.

Approve Property Purchase/Easement: Alderperson Kilty went through the planning committee with his purchase of the lot that the city owns across from the UCC Church. The lot is smaller so the building specks will be adjusted for the setbacks etc. A motion by Wilczek/Mauel to go ahead with the purchase/easement. Motion carried; Kilty abstained

Approve Rezoning Property: Alderperson Kilty said he is looking at putting an apartment in the front of his storage unit currently going up. It has been approved by the state, and he is asking the council to rezone technically because he is a B3 and putting in the apartment; needs to be zoned conditional use. A motion by Mauel/Martine to approve the conditional use. Motion carried; Kilty abstained

Evers Grant: Alderperson Kilty has submitted a grant for \$125,000 for the roof and the playground equipment but has not heard back.

Website: Per Clerk/Treasurer Rau the new site has more capabilities, and it is more updated/user friendly, we would honor the current contract and the cost is justifiable. A motion by Wilczek/Kilty to go with new website. Motion carried

Reschedule Meetings in November and December: It was decided to keep the meetings as scheduled for November with the Public Hearing prior to the last meeting and a motion by Wilczek/Martine to cancel the December 23rd mtg. Motion carried

Mayor's Report: I had the opportunity to take a picture with Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau, with a donation check for the Bike Trail from River Country/Land O Lakes. A list of businesses and personal donations that have been given will be provided at the next meeting.

Other Reports: Alderperson Wiczek stated in the absence of Alderperson Thornton that the OWC Fire District met with the Village of Curtiss who offered their building for \$635,000; they would have to staff the building for 20 years with approximately 7 people. In two weeks(November 13th), they are having a meeting with the Engineer and the Bank Representative to discuss how to move forward with this offer on the table. There is thought to be a new grant, the innovation grant, a grant that can be applied for, being there are two entities occupying the building, the Fire Dept. and the Clark County Sheriffs Dept., that could possibly cover the cost of the venture if approved. It looks like we will be applying for the grant in March 2026; More to come on this issue.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: A motion by Martine/Jaffke to approve. Motion carried

Future Agenda Items: Approve Audit, Abatement update

Adjourn: A motion by Martine/Wilczek at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried

Respectfully given to the best of my ability, Kelly Booth, Deputy Clerk