

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00 pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

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

ATTENDANCE LIST: DPW Director Chad Smith, Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau, Deputy Kelly Booth, Chief Fehlman

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/ES-Enterprise Sentinel, Rick Nelson, and Tim Swiggum

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

Public Comment: Mr. Nelson read that the city is looking at a number for the chicken ordinance of 4. He currently has a neighbor that has 12-13 (no roosters). He is wondering as a city are we looking at who has them, how many do they currently have, and are they creating a problem. He also addressed the Police Agreement discussion between the Village and the City. It is his opinion that they are seen as one community and does not agree that one should have more power than the other in the Police Agreement. Mr. Nelson referenced the fire district as well as the co-op as far as how voting goes.

Approve 05.27.25 Meeting Minutes and Joint Meeting on 5.20.25: A Jaffke/Wilczek motion to approve. Motion carried

Update on Lot Trading: Alderperson Kilty talked to Mr. Bohl and he will remeasure and rerun the numbers and get back to us. He is not off by much per Kilty.

Update on CBU/Clusters: Mayor Jalling talked to the Post Office, and it is not the City of Owen responsibility to put up it is Mr. Bohl.

Discuss new Office Printer: Decided to wait until the contract is up.

Special Event Permit-Woodland Hotel, LLC: A Wilczek/Martine motion to approve Special Event Permit-Woodland Hotel, LLC (for July 4th with fireworks on 4th Street, and Red Higgons on the porch). Motion carried

Operator License-Noah Zarins/Creekside: A Martine/Kilty motion to approve Operator License-Noah Zarins/Creekside. Motion carried

Discuss/Act on Approval of Beverage Licensing: A Wilczek/Mauel motion to approve El Pinal; Motion carried

A Martine/Mauel motion to approve Creekside Convenience LLC; Motion carried

A Mauel/Wilczek motion to approve Red Daisy Girl; Motion carried

A Martine/Kilty motion to approve Meadowview Golf Course, Inc.; Motion carried

A Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve Woodland Hotel, LLC; Motion carried

A Thornton/Kilty motion to approve O-W Sports & Liquor; Motion carried

A Martine/Jaffke motion to approve Dolgencorp, LLC (Dollar General); Motion carried

A Mauel/Kilty motion to approve One Shot, LLC; Motion carried

A Wilczek/Martine motion to approve L.A.S.T. Ace; Motion carried

DPW Report: Tracy and I went to a class on water audits and PSC full rate case application; A gentleman from R-Cap will be here on 6/26/25 to help. They will put this on the next Agenda for approval in writing. The ground reservoir needs to be tested. So, Lane Tank will be here this summer every 5th year it has to be totally drained. The quote for completing this water drain and test will be \$1950.00. We will have to move money around to cover this. Met with Cedar Corp and the DNR to fix the standpipe. At this time the sewer commission was updated. At the cost of the replacement may have to run through planning of DNR; the painting is such a high cost as well as replacing parts. We are looking at maybe replacing it with a new tower at \$215,000 this will make the work for the engineers less and piece meal it so we have another year with it? Looking at a bid to cobble it for this year and then engineer to fix this or replace

the old with in the next year, because it will not last. Also, had the commission approve Cedar to do the engineering; looked at budget to date, and the hauler program. We helped City of Colby as well, and they were billed. The kids painted the pavilion, looking nice; we fixed the areas that were damaged by the plow as well as the lawns from water main breaks over winter. We put gravel in the low spots of the Mill Pond parking lot, the Depot roof is getting done, painted the curbs, and CNN called and wanted us to paint (referring to the county highway dept. as it needs to be reflective paint) on Willow and moved some signs where they want. Moved and maintained some signs on 9th, 10th, and the business park. Yesterday we signed a contract with Green Grove Supply to come into the business park. They bought 15.4 acres from us. This is a win/win for them and the city, they are looking forward to starting construction. This allowed us to stake out the lot lines in the business park, so we know where everything is for future purchases.

Mayor's Report: Currently he is working with Sheila Nyburg about a meeting to sell lots for \$1.00. A discussion was had about the lots currently available but not for \$1.00; we have some that are at \$3,000 but in Countryside Estates the Covenants will also have to be looked at if they are interested. These builders are looking for low prices to coincide with the low-income housing. A future meeting can be arranged if the price point remains the same.

Other Reports: None

Treasurer's Report: A Wilczek/Kilty motion to approve. Motion carried

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

Convene into Closed Session- Consideration of Wages & Benefits Under WI S. S. 19.85(1)(c) Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for employee reviews. **Employee Reviews**
A Wilczek/Martine motion at 6:54 pm everyone was asked to leave. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Reconvene to Open Session: A Kilty/Jaffke motion at 7:22 pm. Motion carried

Announce Recommendation(s): Meeting is posted for tomorrow evening for the Personnel Committee.

Future Agenda Items: Rate case, lots

Adjourn: A Kilty/Wilczek at 7:24 pm. Motion carried

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