

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

LOCATION: Owen City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Milliren

Alderspersons: Joan Jalling, Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, John Mael, Ken Martine, Al Wagner

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk Tracy Rau, CDC Tim Swiggum

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Nicole Rogers/Sentinel & Rural News, Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Mark Hanson, Matt Riihinan, Andrea Mahnke, and Tom Jirschelle.

The meeting called to order by Mayor Milliren at 6:02pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

none

Minutes:

Motion by Martine/Wilczek to approve the minutes from February 8th, 2022. Motion carried.

Convene into Closed session:

Motion by Wilczek/Wagner to convene into closed session for the following purposes

(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, which, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; and

(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Motion carried.

Reconvene into Open session:

A vote was taken on what the attorney was recommending it was 5/1. A Wilczek/Martine motion to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Results of the closed session were to follow our attorney's recommendations on what was decided in closed session.

Property Signage:

A few residents had approached the clerk about their unreadable fire numbers on County Road X. The residents were not sure where to start for replacements, the Clerk Rau said she would investigate the issue to see if the County replaced them or how they could be replaced. Residents had no idea that the clerk was going in front of the council to mention this issue. The clerk thought the city would help replace the fire numbers as sometimes it happens in the townships and that is what was recommended by the county. The cost for a fire number is around \$40. It was brought up by Wilczek that they have two addresses on X a 900-block address and a fire number. Swiggum said and they get their mail from Withee. Swiggum also pointed out that the addresses were supposed to be changed. Clerk Rau said that when some of the residents were asked back then to change their addresses they had refused. Mael asked if it would be easier for the fire department if they had what address? Wilczek said it did not matter because the fire department knows either address for them It is not a huge deal. Question is do we want to go with straight addresses or keep the fire numbers within the city? Wilczek said if we are going to change the addresses now would be the time to do it, but we have Tri-County and Hoover Silo Business, and he is not sure how easy it is for a business to change their address. Swiggum said there are

more addresses in the city that need changing, on Willow Road, County D, West Street-Fairground so there are few people that will be changing their addresses not just County Road X. Wilczek said, his opinion is that if they live in the city, they should have a city address. Jalling agreed, and what is stopping her from having a fire number? By her house. Clerk said, well, you do not live on a County Road. Chief Fehlman said that being a city officer if he hears a call and hears a fire number, he disregards the call because he thinks it is not his jurisdiction. When you are working for a city, it is a Street number and not a Fire number. Mark Hanson asked if there was an ordinance saying that if you live in the city, you must have a city address. Wilczek said we should hold off and he will check to see if there is an ordinance. Jaffke agreed that there must be some consistency with everyone involved. Clerk Rau said if they come in and ask about it, she will tell them that they can go buy their own fire signs. Motion by Jalling/Wilczek to table. Motion carried.

Vacating Innovation Drive Resolution #2022-1:

Motion by Wilczek/Jaffke to approve vacating innovation Drive Resolution #2022-1

Park Rental Prices:

Mayor Milliren was approached by a person that could not believe how cheap our Millpond Park was to rent. The prices as they stand are \$25.00 for a pavilion, \$50.00 for the concession stand and one pavilion, or \$75.00 for the whole park. Wilczek said they were keeping the prices down so it would be affordable to rent. Motion by Martine/Mauel to keep the prices the same. Motion carried.

Other Committee Reports:

Personnel Meeting Tim Swiggum had handed in his letter of resignation to the Personnel Committee. Swiggum decided to cut his hours back to 32 hours a week now and then the first pay period in June he will cut back again to 20 hours. He will work those hours until September 30th which will be his last day with the city. Thank you, Tim, for everything you have done and continue to do for the city.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable:

Motion by Mauel/Wagner to accept the disbursements.

Suggested Items for Future Agendas:

Zoning Meeting-March 2

Planning Meeting- February 24

Parks Meeting

Police Meeting-March 1

Finance Meeting

Mayor Milliren adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Next Council meeting is Tues. March 8th, 2022, at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Rau

Clerk/Treasurer