

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 26th, 2022,

LOCATION: Owen City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Milliren

Alderspersons: John Mael, Joan Jalling, Bob Wilczek, Matt Riihinen, Pam Jaffke, and Ken Martine.

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk Tracy Rau, CDC Tim Swiggum, Chad Smith, Chief Fehlman

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

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

Public Comment: NONE

Minutes: Motion by Martine/Jaffke to approve the minutes from 7.12.22. Motion carried.

Meeting date for August: Wilczek/Jalling motion to move the August meeting to the Owen Senior Center, the election is at City Hall. Motion carried.

Change Order #3 Countryside Estates: DPW Smith said that Melvin Company was asking for an extension until August 31, 2022, because they did not think they could get the blacktop finished but blacktop was completed. Smith said to approve the extension anyway because there are a few minor things that he would like fixed before he signs off on the job. A Wilczek/Martine motion to approve the Melvin change order #3 extension until August 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Completion of the sold lots in Countryside estates: This was a resident question that came up in public comment at the last meeting. Andrea Mahnke had asked for a timeline of completion of the lots sold in Countryside Estates. Swiggum had talked to Jim Bohl and the dates the lots were sold. Wilczek thought it was a year to start, Smith agreed. Swiggum said Lot #11 was purchased 9/2020 that is the oldest one out there, that is the one with the foundation on it and the one that is getting all the attention. Lots 3, 6, 7 (single family) lots 12 and 13 (duplex) were all purchased 11/2021. Mahnke asked if the agreements verbal or written down somewhere, Swiggum said the dates are the dates Bohl purchased and signed the quick claim deeds. Mahnke said when they installed their house 13 years ago, they had 1 year from start to finish. Wilczek and Smith both agree that they remember it being start in 1 year and complete within two. A motion by Wilczek/Martine to table this item until the August 9th meeting so future information can be found. Motion carried.

Other Committee Reports: Wilczek said that there needs to be an alternate to represent the city at the fire department meetings when Ken Martine is unable to attend. A motion by Martine/Jaffke for Matt Riihinen to be the alternate representative. Motion carried.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable:

Motion by Jalling/Riihinen to accept the disbursements as stated. City=\$15,651.66, Water \$47,040.12, Sewer \$6,015.84, TIF \$47,038.39. Totaling \$ 115,746.01 Checkbook Total \$ 91,586.39 = **-\$24,159.62** SHORT. Martine also said that we should see about a short-term loan. Wilczek/Jalling motion for a revolving loan or line of credit at Preval Bank. Motion carried. Riihinen asked what money was supposed to cover the Steen check? Swiggum said he tried to warn us and tell us to quit spending. Wilczek said he does not recall that AT ALL! He does recall asking over and over if the TIF can handle it and was told by Swiggum yes it has the money. Wilczek had confirmed that with Jalling and she did agree.

Convene into closed session: Martine/Jaffke motion to convene into closed session. Motion carried.

Reconvene into open session: Wilczek/Jaffke

Announce Recommendations of closed session: Discussed behavior of alderman and recommended counseling within the calendar year.

Adjourn: 7:12pm

Respectfully given to the best of my ability, Tracy Rau Clerk/Treasurer