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## CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 27th, 2021

**LOCATION:** Owen City Hall 833 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Owen WI 54460

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Charles Milliren

Alderpersons: Joan Jalling, Pam Jaffke, Ken Martine, John Mauel, Bob Wilczek & Al Wagner

**CITY OFFICIALS EXCUSED:**

**ATTENDANCE LIST:** Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau, CDC Swiggum and Officer Juzwiak.

**COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE:** Ken Truman, Michelle Krahn, Nicole Rogers/Sentinel & Rural News and Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Milliren at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** Truman spoke to an issue with drainage he feels is due to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project. He feels that a culvert would rectify the problem and feels it is the responsibility of the city due to the project. The city will have the Public Works Department and Engineer look into the issue.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Martine/Jaffke to approve the minutes from April 13 and 20, 2021. Motion carried.

**Finance Committee Update:**

Nothing new to report. Ehlers will be doing the General Obligation bonding and AMKO will be allowed to bring a proposal for the bonding of the USDA Water Utility loans and that will be discussed at a later date.

**Consider Resolution 2021-3 awarding the issuance and sale of \$375,000 General Obligation Promissory**

**Note:**

Ehlers has recommended that we approve this resolution to move forward with the previously approve loan from Forward Bank for \$375,000. It will make the bonding process go much smoother saving legal costs. A Mauel/Wagner motion/second to approve Resolution 2021-03, awarding the General Obligation Promissory Note in the amount of \$375,000 to Forward Bank passed unanimously.

**Planning Committee Update:**

Wilczek gave an overview of the Planning Committee meeting held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The following agenda items have all been approved by the Planning Committee for council approval.

**Consider Sale of Lots 12 and 13, Country Side Estates Parcels #:265.0301.014 and 265.0301.015:**

An offer has been received for Lots 12 and 13 for \$800 each. The Planning Committee asked if the buyer, Jim Bohl, could include the curb and gutter on 10th St., "Bluebird St." between 9th and 10th St. and extend to the end of the first parcels to the East of "Bluebird St." on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> St. Bohl intends to begin construction on these lots this Fall. A Jalling/Mauel motion/second to approve the sale of Lots 12 and 13, Parcels # 265.0301.014 and 265.0301.015, to Carter's Corner LLC for \$800 each and the curb and gutter as recommended, plus closing costs passed unanimously.

**Consider Sale of Lots 3, 6 and 7, Country Side Estates Parcels #: 265.0301.005, 265.0301.008 and**

**265.0301.009:** The Planning Committee recommended the sale of Lots 3, 6 and 7, Parcels # 265.0301.005, 265.0301.008 and 265.0301.009, to Carter's Corner LLC for the price of \$800 per lot plus closing costs. Curb and gutter installation included in the previous motion was considered during this motion as well. A Martine/Jalling motion/second to recommend the sale of Lots 3, 6 and 7, Parcels # 265.0301.005, 265.0301.008 and 265.0301.009, to Carter's Corner LLC for the price of \$800 per lot plus closing costs passed unanimously.

**Consider Sale of Lot 17 of Country Side Estates Parcel # 265.0301.019**

An offer was also received on Lot 17 from Michelle Krahn for \$800. Discussion was held regarding the costs of curb and gutter that had been included in the previous offers but was not an expense for this parcel as it would be completed already. The Planning Committee recommended a counter offer of \$3,000 which would include the installed curb and gutter. A Jalling/Wilczek motion/second to approve the sale of Lot 17, Parcel # 265.0301.000, curb and gutter included for \$3,000 to Michelle Krahn passed unanimously.

**Consider Sale of 6 Lots on East First St. BLK 4 SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOT 8A ASSESSORS PLAT, Parcels #:265.(0679,0680,0681,0682,0683,0694).000:**

A previously approved motion from February 8, 2021 had included the sale of 2.52 acres, Parcels #265.(0665,0666,0667,0668,0669,0670,0671,0672,0673 ,0674,0675,0676,0677,0678).000. The Planning Committee recommended the sale of parcels #:265.(0679,0680,0681,0682,0683,0694).000, as well as the previously approved sale for \$1,000 total for construction of 3 apartment complexes of 16 units with noticeable development beginning this Fall and the clearing of trees being the responsibility of the buyer passed unanimously. A Martine/Wagner motion/second to approve the sale of Parcels #265.(0665,0666,0667,0668,0669,0670,0671,0672,0673 ,0674,0675,0676,0677,0678).000, as well as Parcels #265.(0679,0680,0681,0682,0683,0694).000 for \$1,000 total for the construction of 3 apartment complexes of 16 units, installation of a grinder pump, with noticeable development beginning this Fall and the clearing of trees being the responsibility of the buyer passed unanimously.

**Consider Tax Deed Sale Properties at 219 E. 3rd St. and 131 E. 4th St.:**

Clark County has offered the properties at 219 E. 3rd St and 131 E. 4th St. to the City of Owen in lieu of running them through a Sheriff's Auction. The County will be writing off the taxes and there are no guarantees that the City would be reimbursed for the demolition expenses on each of these properties. The best way to try and recoup some of those monies would be to take ownership and try to market them accordingly. S Martine/Wilczek motion and second to accept the offer from Clark County and take possession of the two vacant properties passed unanimously.

**Consider Parcel Exchange w/ Owen U.C.C.- 219 E. 3rd St. for 307 E. 3rd St.:**

The Owen United Church of Christ is interested in trading lots located at 219 E. 3rd St. (soon to be city property) and 307 E. 3rd St. (U.C.C. owned). The church property is East across Oak St. from the church and the proposed property is adjacent to the West. The U.C.C. would consider it an even trade. A Jalling/Wilczek motion and second to approve the trade of vacant lots as presented passed unanimously.

**Police Department Mural:**

The OWPD has asked permission to have a mural painted in the entry of the OWPD office hallway. The art students at O-W School will do the painting and the OWPD will pick up the cost of the paint. A Mauel/Martine motion/second to approve the painting of the mural passed unanimously.

**Community Clean-up Day/Community Service Day:**

Wilczek presented an idea for a cleanup day for the citizens of Owen to drop off junk items and clean up the town. A dumpster from Express Disposal would cost \$375 plus \$59 per ton of garbage. A metal dumpster could be brought in from Don's Salvage on Highway 64 would cost \$150 plus mileage fees. These fees would be reimbursed by the weight of the scrap metal but no guarantee to cover the costs of the cleanup. The service will be available to Owen Residents only. A Martine/Jalling motion/second to approve the Owen Clean-up Day for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8am-4pm, at the City Garage, advertise in the two local papers, specify Owen Residents Only and Wilczek will take the lead with Swiggum being in attendance that day passed unanimously.

**Committee and Department Reports as given:**

No reports were given at this time. It is a consensus that the first meeting of the month will be when reports are brought to the council.

**Disbursements/Accounts Payable:**

Motion by Mauel/Jaffke to approve the accounts payable of \$32,694.54 as presented passed unanimously.

**Suggested Items for Future Agendas:**

Wilczek suggested a map be created for city owned property for sale. Possibly run through Planning Committee first.

Mayor Milliren adjourned the meeting at 7pm.

Next Council meeting is Tues. May 11, 2021 at 6pm at City Hall.

Submitted by Tim Swiggum,

Owen CDC