

APPROVE 1.28.25/Corrections

**CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025

**LOCATION:** City Hall

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Scott Jalling

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

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

**COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE:** Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Krystal Hays (by phone for Municode(Civic Plus), Brittany Mews, Clark County Health Dept.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Approve 12.17.24 Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes 12.30.24:** Kilty/Mauel motion to approve both minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Municode:** We asked Krystal Hays to join us via goggle email and do a presentation for the board on the Municode product. After much discussion Wilczek and Jaffke both stated that it was in the Budget for 2025; Mauel commented that it would make court proceedings smoother; our Attorney will have a copy to make changes and publish our ordinances per our Chief. A motion by Wilczek/Jaffke was made to move forward with the Municode contract at 25% increments as stated. Motion carried.

**Consideration in Adopting Clark County's Hemp-Derived Cannabinoid Ordinance:** Clark County was represented by Brittney Mews, Director of the Health Department. She talked about the implementation of the ordinance by Clark County effective 1/1/25. It would regulate future business. All businesses here now would be grand fathered in. We will have our Attorney look at, and tweak, and put back on the agenda for approval in two weeks.

**Clark County Economic Development:** A motion was made Mauel/Thornton to approve payment per resident. Motion carried.

**Tax Resident Reimbursement:** A resident personally paid the 2024 Property taxes and the Bank paid 2024 Property taxes for him. A motion by Kilty/Wilczek to reimburse the resident. Motion carried.

**Condolences to the family of Al Gajewsky:** The Mayor and the rest of the Board wanted to express the deepest sympathy to the family of Al Gajewsky. A plant was sent in his honor.

**2024 Audit:** The 2024 Audit should be complete by April of this year if we can get the information to our Accountant, Bauman, by the end of this January. The mayor needs to sign the agreement. A Wilczek/Mauel motion to approve the completion of the 2024 Audit through Bauman. Motion carried.

**Public Work Report:** Letters were sent out to residents that we found lead or galvanized piping per the DNR; Our DPW Director is now the Vice Chair for WWOA; at the conference this year they will be playing a video that was shared at the meeting for a pump that we purchased; the Standpipe will need to be fixed, waiting on a quote to sandblast it and paint, keep putting band aids on it to keep in compliance with DNR; Matt B. passed his Advanced Test, great job! The sewer ordinance is complete will send to attorney; we plowed snow on 12/19/24 and 1/13/25; there was a resident on Ash Street that wanted to purchase land from the city and the city cannot sell the land because it is in an easement; working on ideas/plans for the business park; Austin has been busy building

grates for the shop floor along with we rebuilt the 1445 broom. We looked at the log jam on the Popple River, along with quoting out a lighting project at the library. We have found the leak in the Senior Center and will be taking care of that soon.

**Mayors Report:** The medication disposal grant funding has been applied for, and we will get one when approved.

**Other Reports:** Linda Barna has resigned from the DRC and a new member will be sought; Toby Watlin would like to take her place. The Depot roof will need to be replaced, and the DRC will pay 25% of the cost.

**Treasurers Report:** Wilczek/Thornton motion. Motion carried.

**Disbursements/Accounts Payable:** Mael/Jaffke motion. Motion carried.

**Future Agenda Items:** Clark County Ordinance, DRC Member, Fire District

**Adjourn:** 7:41pm Wilczek/Thornton motion. Motion carried.

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