

Approve 8/27/2024

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

LOCATION: Owen Senior Center

TIME: 6:00 pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

Alderspersons: Ray Kilty, Ken Martine, Jason Thornton(Absent); Bob Wilczek, Pam Jaffke, John Mauel

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

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/ES-Enterprise Sentinel, Mel Lorence, Tim Swiggum, and Julie Baker

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

Public Comment: Talked about 7th Street and why it is not finished? Done before our current DPW; they fixed roads that did not have sewer and water under them so the new black top would not have to be cut to get under. It will be fixed when the city has the money to complete. A 3rd police was questioned, where is the money coming from? No meeting yet to discuss the details of this. The estates and industrial area are an ongoing discussion with the attorney.

Approve 07.23.24 Meeting Minutes: A Martine/Wilczek motion to approve minutes as written. Motion carried.

Service Call Resolution: The fire district bills the city, and the city bills the resident. We have been doing this, but a signed resolution needs to be on file, and this will solidify it all. A Martine/Kilty motion to approve resolution 2024-1 for service call. Motion Carried. Wilczek abstained.

Building Permits: Alderperson Kilty said they are adopting a new policy, and a Planning Meeting is to be scheduled later.

Update on dog nuisance abatement at 730 E 4th Street: The dogs have been vaccinated, licensed with the city, and the back yard will be fenced in (so you cannot get in by dogs as soon as the rain stops, and a fence can be put up). The owner has been in contact with our Chief to make sure he is complying. He does understand that the Police Department can take the dogs per our ordinance if things are not followed being they are now licensed as nuisance dogs. An email was sent as well as a resident was at the meeting to confirm that the dogs have not been seen and things are progressing as agreed. Our DPW will check on the meter to make sure it is outside the fenced area.

Update on property nuisance abatement at 613 E 2nd Street: Alderperson Wilczek and the Chief will contact the Attorney to see what the next steps are as it is a city matter, and our Chief has done all he can do at this point.

Finance Update: No meeting has been scheduled since that last meeting; Budget is on track

Business Park: Conferred with City Attorney in closed session

Public Works Update: The information was submitted to attorneys for PFOS settlement. We are almost complete with the lead and copper survey; we keep communicating with those that do not want government bodies in their home, it is felt this has been good and we will complete on time. The water tower bowl will be painted next week and the outside cleaned. Our meters have been tested as they are currently on a rotation. Currently we are looking to the future of and upgrade to our plant and the changes that will need to be made. We also jetted some of our sewer mains and by keeping them on a yearly rotation it should cut down on the problems. The fair went off without a hitch, each year we keep track of what is needed by them and adjust accordingly. We have mowed and billed our time for at least 3 lawns; we built a ditch on alleyway by the trailer park, which we keep an eye on to make sure it is working. Since we own our crack sealer, we have completed 49 city blocks which we are ahead on. The city crew removed trees from the dog park and filled in with dirt; also removed an old tree so the centennial tree can replace it.

Mayors Report: Our attorney had some concerns regarding how we word contracts which can be addressed on the next Agenda.

Other Reports: They are printed in the packets.

Treasurers Report: A Martine/Mauel motion to approve as read. Motion carried.

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

Future Agenda Items: Property & Dog Nuisance update, Wolfgram, Finance

Adjourn: A Wilczek/Jaffke motion at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.

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