

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

LOCATION: Owen City Hall

TIME: 6:00 pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

Alderpersons: Ray Kilty, Ken Martine, Jason Thornton; Bob Wilczek, Pam Jaffke, John Mael

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

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/ES-Enterprise Sentinel

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

Public Comment: None

Approve 08.13.24 Meeting Minutes: A Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve minutes as written. Motion carried.

Update on dog nuisance abatement at 730 E 4th Street: The fence is up and no further complaints from neighbors. A Wilczek/Kilty motion to amend prior motion to approve the fence as is as a completely enclosed fence and is done properly. Motion carried.

Update on property nuisance abatement at 613 E 2nd Street: Alderperson Wilczek stated that Chief Fehlman got in touch with City Attorney and according to section 105.8(e)(1) the city can abate the nuisance and we do not need a court order; or we can get a court order (which covers us) and give them 30 days which in the end will cost more but it covers. The time frame for this may be longer as we must wait for the judge/system. Alderperson Wilczek recommends the coverage of the court order as it covers all employees, and the cost can be put on the property taxes. A Jaffke/Wilczek motion to get a court order and have the City Attorney write a letter. Motion carried.

Finance Update: At this time the budget for 2024 is on track.

Central States/Health Insurance: A packet was given to Alderperson Jaffke to review. A Martine/Jaffke motion to table until next meeting. Motion carried.

Delinquent Water Bill: A resident has sold property leaving the city with an outstanding bill; per phone call from the new owner. A phone call was made to the Attorney who handled the sale and per her conversation with the previous owners the city was contacted. The owners have promised to be in by the 30th to pay the outstanding bill. This falls back on the Attorney as the bills we not paid, not a clear title.

Kerry Ingredient's: Update was given on current tax situation by the clerk/treasurer; the mayor questioned the meeting with Kerry about passed due water bill situation and the clerk/treasurer and DPW brought everyone up to speed. A Kilty/Thornton motion to move forward with guidelines in the letter; after follow-up email tomorrow and stick to the Sept. 3rd deadline. Motion carried.

Municode: Chief Fehlman said the ordinance meetings were taking to long to get through all of them. It is time to relook at Municode to write the city ordinances from start to finish to keep up to date with the changing state statutes. We can budget in 2025 for the cost; possibly insurance will help us out. Chief Fehlman will look back on his emails for the costs to Municode and reach out to insurance for the next meeting.

Wolfgram-Review Policy Related Contracts: A Martine/Wilczek motion to table to next meeting. Motion carried.

Appoint Linda Plautz to Library Board: A Mael/Martine motion to retroactive to last meeting. Motion carried.

Mayors Report: None

Other Reports: Alderperson Martine reported that the Car Show was a success with at least 73 cars to show. A formal meeting is coming up. Alderperson Thornton said that the OW Fire and Ambulance were given the go ahead for a Feasibility Study more to come as things transpire.

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

Future Agenda Items: Inactive Water Accounts, Municode, Central States/Health Insurance, Water Inspection, Review Policy/Wolfgram, Medical Dispense Box

Adjourn: A Wilczek/Mauel motion at 7:13 pm. Motion carried.

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