

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00 pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

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

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau, Deputy Kelly Booth, Chief Fehlman, Officer Scheffler

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 05.13.25 Meeting Minutes: A Wilczek/Mauel motion to approve. Motion carried.

Lot Trading: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau said Mr. Bohl is O.K. with everything, the only thing in question is the 1400 square feet; is it the whole building or each side? Alderperson Kilty will talk to Mr. Bohl about square footage, Bohl does not think it will fit on the lot if it must be 1400 square feet each side; Alderperson Kilty thinks Bohl is closer than he thinks. Mr. Bohl is looking at trading Lots 6 & 7 for 18 & 19. Alderperson Wilczek said to hold off on a decision until further research is done. Alderperson Kilty will contact Mr. Bohl.

Update on CBU/Clusters: The Post Office gave the mayor a copy of the obligations/responsibilities of receptacles. The responsibility of the receptacle falls on the residents. The city is not liable for the mailboxes in question. Alderperson Kilty will be in contact with Mr. Bohl about the lots and will discuss this issue as well. The residents can get a PO BOX at the Post office as well if they do not want a mailbox. The postmaster is in charge as to where you place the mailboxes.

Discuss/Act on Police Agreement Amendment: Things that accomplished by the Police Commission do not have to go to the City Council or the Village Board for approval. (Only the Budget or if more money needed for an item by the OW PD) There is a feeling there is a lack of understanding of the agreement; and the agendas need to be worded differently because of a quorum of the village. A Wilczek/Jaffke motion to send to the City Attorney an Amendment to the agreement that the Mayor of Owen will be the tie breaker for the police commission. Motion carried.

Discuss/Act on Bike Trail Agreement with Withee: A Kilty/Mauel motion to have our Director of DPW, Chad Smith, contact the City of Owen Attorney to draft an agreement between Owen and Withee for the bike trail then it will be sent to the Village to approve; Motion carried.

Operator License: A Wilczek/Kilty motion to approve all operators on Agenda; Motion carried.

Beverage Licensing: Tabled

Mayor's Report: Condolences from the city to the family of Norbie Pabich; a donation in his memory was given to the high ground in Neillsville. Congratulations to the boys and girls track teams for taking the conference. Also, the Archery team did very well and are advancing to the next competition.

Other Reports: None

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

Future Agenda Items: Beverage Licensing, Lot Trade, CBU, and if our City Attorney gets back to us then the Bike Trail/Police Agreement

Adjourn: 6:35 p.m. A Wilczek/Jaffke motion; motion carried.

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