

OWEN-WITHEE POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, May 4, 2021

LOCATION: Owen City Hall, 833 W. 3rd St., Owen WI 54460

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: OWEN: Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, and Ken Martine

WITHEE: Everett Lindgren, Randy Shelton, and Gordy Niemi.

OFFICIALS EXCUSED:

ATTENDANCE LIST: Police Chief/Ibarra, Officer Haugstad, Owen Deputy Clerk Rau and Owen CDC Swiggum.

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Travis Rogers-Sentinel Rural News & Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise
A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Jaffke.

Minutes

A Niemi/Wilczek motion/second to approve the minutes for the 4/8/21 meeting passed unanimously.

Police Report

Chief Ibarra presented the April 2021 call report. After short discussion the report was filed as presented.

Purchase of K-9:

La Crosse County Sheriff's Department has a trained drug, search and bite dog that is two years old with high energy and good drive fitting a K-9. The dog may have a physical issue with it's bite and therefore has been flagged by the Lacrosse County Sherriff's Department as not up to their standard. The bite training is not what we were looking for as a main trait but the drug and search capability was our main priority. The cost would be \$7500 and would include dog's training, handler training for two weeks, certification, and annual maintenance (health check). There is currently \$8,900 in the K-9 Fund and it would cover the initial costs to purchase "Jimi". A Martine/Niemi motion and second to purchase "Jimi" from La Crosse County Sheriff's Department for \$7500 passed unanimously.

Designation of K-9 Handler:

Chief Ibarra recommends that Officer Haugstad be designated as the K-9 Handler. It is possible that the O-W School District might have some funding available to increase the hours for Officer Haugstad and along with Jimi the K-9 become the School Resource Officer. This will hopefully be discussed at the school board meeting next week on the 10th. A Lindgren/Martine motion/second to designate Officer Jacob Haugstad as the K-9 Handler for the OWPD passed unanimously.

Public Safety Mural Design from O-W School Students:

After a brief discussion and a look at the design, a Wilczek/Shelton motion/second to approve the design passed unanimously.

Building Updates for PD:

Wilczek reported that the wall between the Police Chief's office and the CDC office is thin and needs to be soundproofed to ensure confidentiality on both sides. Blown in insulation is likely a suitable solution. The garage door will need replacing at some point. The lighting out back is pretty good around the building but gets really dark by the garage. Wilczek felt that a switching out of fixtures would allow more light away from the building and would ensure the garage is well lit. Lindgren stated that he has a handrail that he believes would work out front to avoid anyone stepping off the sidewalk wrong. Most all of these items will be handled through the Owen Building Committee with the exception of the garage door which will be brought back at another date. Other items will be brought to the City Council.

Accounts Payable Disbursements

A Wilczek/Shelton motion/second to approve the payment of the disbursements through May 3, 2021 of \$12,159.29 for current AP with payrolls passed unanimously.

Suggested Items for Future Agendas

K-9 Update (cage), School Board SRO Report, Equipment Updates

Jaffke adjourned the meeting at 6:26pm.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Submitted by

Tim Swiggum