

Owen Planning Committee
Minutes
Thursday, August 12, 2021
Owen City Hall 833 W. 3rd St.
6:00 pm.

Called to order at 6:03 pm. by Bob Wilczek

Roll call: Present were Wilczek, John Mauel, Allen Gajewsky and DPW Chad Smith. Absent were Tim Conway and Bernie Shelton.

Others present. Tracy Rau-Clerk, Tim Swiggum-CDC, Travis Rogers- Sentinel and Rural News, and Cindy Cardinal-O-W Enterprise

Senior Center Building, 112 E. 5th St., Parcel #265.0166.000

Smith reported that he has inspected the whole building and it is in pretty good shape overall. It has a decent roof and although some leakage had occurred in the past, it is not currently leaking. The water spots were from a water heater in the apartment upstairs that has been replaced. There is some electrical work that would need done as soon as possible but it is not a major repair. Rau reported on her discussion with Pat Blazer who is in charge of the group of seniors that use the building. They get income from Clark County and collect the rent upstairs and it is barely enough to pay the expenses. Upstairs renter pays \$225 and the County pays \$125 currently. It was discussed that we should raise the rent but not too high so as to build a maintenance fund to set aside for future repairs and updating. A Mauel/Gajewsky motion/second to recommend to the council that we accept the offer from Clark County to purchase for \$1, accept the Memorandum of Understanding from the ADRC to rent space from 9:30am to 1:30pm M-F and other times as is mutually agreed upon, for the amount of \$200 per month with a one year rolling agreement, and also to increase rent for the apartment upstairs to \$350 per month with renter paying their own utilities. It was also further recommended to set a daily rent fee of \$50 plus a \$50 deposit for up to 6 hours for groups wishing to use the space passed unanimously.

Donation of Parcel #265.0302.000, 513 N. Paul Ave.

Al and Ann Gajewsky have offered to donate this lot to the city for permanent use as a drainage area for the new stormwater retention pond that will serve CountrySide Estates. The city would be responsible for all legal fees associated with the transfer. They would like the drainage area to remain grass if at all possible. They would also like to spare the pine trees on the northern half of the parcel to remain as long as possible. A Mauel/Smith motion/second to recommend that the council accept the offer of the donated parcel with the city cover all legal costs passed unanimously.

Business Park Signage on Hwy 29

Fred Schindler had offered to donate \$1,000 at a previous council meeting. Wilczek suggested that we accept his offer and place a sign on the remaining end of the park as the Rubber Recycling Facility Developer's Agreement has been approved by the council. It is not certain that Schindler is still willing to donate as he was trying to avoid the construction of the facility with his offer. Wilczek will talk to Schindler. It was suggested that cost estimates for the sign would be brought directly to the council if the offer still stands.

CountrySide Estates Infrastructure Cedar St.

Smith is concerned that it was not specifically stated that the curb and gutter work to be done by Area Wide Concrete on 9th, 10th and Cedar St. will meet the specifications of the Engineer and the DPW. A Mauel/Smith motion/second to require that the curb and gutter installation meets the specifications of the Engineer and DPW and if not then it will be replaced at contractor's expense passed unanimously.

Adjourn: Wilczek adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Submitted by Tim Swiggum