

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, May 10th, 2022,

LOCATION: Owen City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Milliren

Alderspersons: Pam Jaffke, John Mauel, and Joan Jalling, Bob Wilczek, Matt Riihinen arrived at 6:45pm.

Absent Ken Martine

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk Tracy Rau, DPW Chad Smith, CDC Tim Swiggum, Chief Fehlman and Officer Haugstad.

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Nicole Rogers/Sentinel & Rural News, Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Travis Arndt and Mary Rollins/One Shot LLC, Carey Hargot/#Red Daisy, Kelli Hanson, Mark Hanson, Andrea Mahnke, and Pat Esker.

The meeting called to order by Mayor Milliren at 6:03pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Andrea Mahnke ask if we had Zoom anymore? Clerk Rau said no that it was cancelled. Mauel said it had been discussed 2-3 meeting ago and it was decided to be cancelled as no one logged into it. Mahnke said she often requested a recording, Swiggum said she has a recording all the time as she personally records every meeting. Wilczek said we always have a voice recording. Mahnke asked the clerk that if Mahnke needed a recording if she was able to ask the clerk for one? Rau answered but of course.

Minutes: Motion by Jaffke/Mauel to approve the minutes from 4.26.22. Motion carried.

Liquor License: Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve the license surrender from Thirsty Squirrel to One Shot LLC. Motion carried.

Operator License: A Jalling/Mauel motion to approve the following Operator Licenses as the chief had already approved all the operator licenses. Motion carried.

One Shot, LLC

Travis Arndt

Kylie Arndt

Mary Rollins

Woodland Hotel LLC:

Richard Peterson

Rebecca Swiggum

Karen Swiggum

Elizabeth Bourdon

Sandra Deacon

Andrea Mahnke had asked if the Woodland was even open yet? Mahnke was told by the Mayor that the Woodland will be open this month.

Resolution 2022-2 Vacating Innovation Drive: A motion made by Mauel/Jaffke to approve Resolution 2022-2. Motion carried.

Approve two CSM's for Business Park: Swiggum said he and the DPW Smith had looked the surveys over and that they both looked good, they just needed approval of the council. Swiggum said its 2 CSM's because it was too big to fit on one, and that Cedar Corp did the surveys for us. Swiggum said that the CSM's were just waiting for us to vacate Innovation Drive before we could move forward. Wilczek asked if we had a new zoning map. Swiggum said that we need to get moving on the sale

because Metal wholesale would like to get started. A Wilczek/Jalling motion to approve the CSM's for the business park. Motion carried.

TIF Countryside Estate Utilities: Swiggum said that we need to get electric and gas into Countryside Estate before they pave it. Electric will cost the city \$13,000 and we do not know the price for the gas. The city will pay for this and get reimbursed \$3000.00 for electric as the occupants sign up for utilities. Swiggum said we had talked about it, but we never received an approval from the council. It will come out of the TIF money and then the TIF will be reimbursed for 5 years. A Jalling/Mauel motion to approve the utilities for Countryside Estates. Motion carried.

Discuss/action on Change Order No. 1 for 2022 CDBG Street and Utility Improvement - Paul Ave & CTH D: Brian Chapman from Cedar Corp (by phone) said that the county agreed to 142,214.00 from Clark County, city's share. We are shooting to be under 150,000.00 by not doing all the driveway culverts on the west side of the road. We will be trying to cut cost anywhere we can on this project. Cedar Corp talked about the TAP Grant to repave the bike trail. Chapman said that Withee was on board to co-sponsor the project. Wilczek said it would be great if we could replace some lights on the trail with the grant as the Excel is expensive for lighting. Chapman said he did not think lights were included in the grant, but he would check into it. The same application fee of \$1500.00 will apply with this grant, and they will get this going as soon as the applications are available in August.

Midway Steel Agreement: Pat Esker was available to discuss the agreement and he had talked to his Attorney. Esker said since he will not be doing anything for a year or so, we should look for the water and find out where it is located. Therefore, we are not selling the land to Esker and then Esker sells some back to us. He said we should take care of everything first and then we can revisit the agreement. Instead of having an easement, he said "what if" we find water and it is on the south end, then we would not have an easement. If water is on the north end, then great city will have all that land. It just does not make any sense for him to buy the land when he does not know how many acres will be there after we find water and build a tower. The council decided that Esker would have first rights for refusal within 1 year if we would get another buyer or when we finish drilling for water. We could use ARPA money for the drilling and a tower, just to drill one hole for water cost approximately \$8000.00. Swiggum said if we hurry the TIF can spend money until September so if the city is thinking about putting up any buildings or anything that would have to come out of the general fund.

Public Works Report: Smith reported he had talked to CLA and the money he budgeted in 2021 for readers, meters, pumps, and blowers that he did not spend could be transferred into a savings account. The equipment will be paid out of the general fund and then the capital equipment savings would pay the general fund back. A Wilczek/Martine motion to move \$48,692.00 into a capital equipment savings account and pay for the equipment when it comes in from the general fund. The water tower was inspected, and they found that when Clark County welded their brackets on, the paint on the inside had come off and now it is rusting in those spots. Smith said we will have to drain the tower again and patch the spots. Smith will be talking to Clark County to see if they will pay for the damage. We are still fighting the phosphorus levels from the upset by a business in town and the cost right now is 6554.00. The business that had the upset told Smith in a meeting that they will cover the damages. Smith said permit fees for utilities/fiber optic to dig and bury. The permit fees would be \$25.00 inside the green and 50.00 outside. The Public works have two more trees to remove on 5th Street, patching roads, and street sweeping. The 9th-10th street extensions water and sewer in place and now Melvin will finish building the road. MSIS grant for Lehman and Willow Road was denied.

Police Meeting Report: The police meeting the committee accepted the police union contract for Officer Haugstad as written. They went through the call report, they have sent out dog license letters to everyone that did not license their dog. if you do not license your dog, it is a 200.00 fine. The Crown Vic is almost finished, the shop is waiting for parts. The police are going to start looking into the

ordinance issues. Mael/Jaffke made a motion to approve the union contract for Officer Haugstad effective May 1st. Motion carried.

Other Committee Reports: None

Closed Session: A Wilczek/Mael motion to go into closed session at 6:55pm.

Open Session: A Wilczek/Jaffke motion to go into open session at 7:30pm.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable:

Motion by Wilczek/Jaffke to accept the disbursements as stated. City 32,780.62, Water 21,162.11, Sewer 4,210.11, TIF #4 155,200.00. Total \$213,352.84.

Motion carried.

Suggested Items for Future Agendas:

Planning Meeting

Parks & Recreation

Adjourn: 7:45pm

Respectfully given, Tracy Rau Clerk/Treasurer