

April 14, 2009 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Timothy Swiggum presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Tolzmann, Nelson, Shelton, Lorence, Riihinen and Heggemeier. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Cardinal and Police Chief Poirier.

Bid Opening

Bids were opened for rental of farm land. Bids are as follows: Neitzel \$120.38/acre, Berry \$123.00/acre, Kaduce \$51.00/acre, and Wallenhorst \$148.14. A Nelson/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to award the bid to Wallenhorst at \$148.14/acre.

Spring Election Update

Results from the April 7, 2009 Spring Election were announced as Mayor ♦ Tim Swiggum, 1st Ward ♦ Dennis Lulloff, 2nd Ward ♦ Dan Tolzmann Sr., 3rd Ward ♦ Carla Riihinen. Certificates were presented to 3rd Ward Alderman Mike Riihinen for his 6 years of service and to 1st Ward Tom Nelson for his 16 plus years of service. Many thanks and appreciation was exchanged. Everyone was invited for cake and coffee after the meeting.

Approve Minutes

A Lorence/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 3/24/09 meeting.

Treasurer♦s Report

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Treasurer♦s report for March 2009.

Police Report

A Nelson/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the Owen-Withee Police report for March 2009.

Junk List

Chief Poirier presented a list of City properties that will be receiving a notice of ordinance violation. Notices will be mailed next week giving 7 days to correct the violation. Those who fail to comply will be issued a citation for each violation. If the violation can♦t be corrected within the 7 seven days, violators should contact the police department with a reason. A Heggemeier/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the list.

Public Opinion

Chris Books, Bill Benzschawel, Kris and Rick Koplitz, Tom Jirschele, Andrea Mahnke and Kris Leonhardt with the OW Enterprise. Neighbors to the new bio-diesel plant were present to discuss their displeasure of the noise from the processing plant. Since they have started operations on March 5, 2009, the plant manager has been trying different ideas to reduce the noise. The Council recommended that one of the local owners of the plant from Loyal be contacted to see if everything that can be done is tried.

Sale of Country Side Estate Lots

Tom Jirschele and Andrea Mahnke were present with their plans for construction of a new home and a second garage on Lots 1 and 2 of Country Side Estates, and purchasing as extra Lots 3 and 4. The Planning Commission met on 3/31/09 and approved the sale of all four lots, and to send their recommendation to the Council for tonights meeting. Special assessment amounts came late today regarding the four lots and were made available to the proposed buyers. Based on this new information, they need more time to think about their project. A Lorence/Nelson motion and subsequent vote approved to table the discussion till the 4/21/09 Special Council Meeting at 5 pm.

Resolution #2009-7 and #2009-8

At the 3/31/09 Planning meeting, the Commission approved Resolutions #2009-4 and 5, to amend TIF 4 and create TIF 5, and send that recommendation to the Council on 4/14/09. Since that Planning meeting, it has been discussed that it may be better to not create a TIF 5, but to amend the TIF 4 Plan

to include the property all the way out to the Agribusiness Park. Discussion took place on this topic and no action was taken.

Purchase 71 acres Health Care Center Land

Presented to the Council was a copy of the Clark County Board Resolution #9-03-09, to sell 71 acres more or less of Health Care Center Land, that was approved at the Clark County Board Meeting on 3/31/09, with the change to line 33 omitting ♦an option to purchase♦ and changing it to ♦refusal for a period of three years♦. A Heggemeier/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved to accept the resolution and proceed with the purchase of the 71 acres.

Annexation

Discussion took place regarding annexation of property to be included in a TIF District. No action taken.

CDA Update

Community Development Authority has a tentative meeting set for April 27, 2009.

CCEDC Annual Meeting

A Shelton/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved that any wanting to attend the Clark County Economic Development Corp. annual meeting in Neillsville, on May 4, 2009, should contact City Hall by April 20, 2009.

Arbor Day

The Arbor Day celebration will be held at City Hall on May 8, 2009 at 2 pm. All are encouraged to attend. A Nelson/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the Arbor Day celebration and tree purchase.

Parks & Rec. Committee

Chairman Mike Riihinen reported there has not been a meeting. Riihinen reminded Public Works and the Parks & Rec. Committee that the egg oiling permit expires on 6/1/2009. The horse shoe league has contacted City Hall about getting the pits relocated to their new sites. The league and Public Works are to work together in planning and construction. A question was raised if the ice rink could be made narrower and longer. Bernie Shelton noted that one of the bleachers at the Mill Pond Park was dented and that if Public Works could measure it, Bernie would replace the dented piece. A

Heggemeier/Shelton motion and subsequent vote was made to thank Mike Riihinen for all his years of hard work and dedicated service the City's Park and Recreation Projects. Without his help the City would never have accomplished all that it has in the last 6 years. A big thank you to Mike Riihinen.

Payroll Report

Presented were time cards for all employees and overtime report for the pay period of 3/21/09 through 4/3/09. A Tolzmann/Heggemeier motion and subsequent vote approved the report.

Vouchers

A Riihinen/Nelson motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following vouchers: City 40156-40239, City Total \$65,111.34, Water Total \$43,671.02 and Sewer total \$28,930.62.

Adjourn

A Nelson/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 4/14/09 open session meeting at 9:00 p.m.