

## June 9, 2009 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 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, Lulloff, 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 Officer Mike Sybers.

### Approve Minutes

A Tolzmann/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 5/26/09 meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

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

### Police Report

A Shelton/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Owen-Withee Police report for May 2009.

### Public Opinion

No public present.

### Army Tank

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Cardinal reported that the Colby VFW has withdrawn their offer of bringing their Army tank to the City of Owen. They are going to keep it in their community.

### Purchase 71 Acres

A Heggemeier/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the Planning Commission recommendation to purchase 71 acres of CCHCC land.

### Clerk Institute

A Lorence/Heggemeier motion and subsequent vote approved for Clerk Ernst to attend the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Clerk Institute on June 17-19, 2009.

### Grant Workshop

A Tolzmann/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Cardinal to attend a UW-Eau Claire Grant Writing Workshop on June 25, July 13, and August 6, 2009.

### Operator Licenses

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the following Applications for Operator's Licenses: Carmen Kruger, Florence Taylor, Scott Jalling, Lori Jalling, David Taylor, Holly Thorne, Samantha Johnson, Cindy Cardinal, Phillip Greschner, Lyle Roe, Neal Luzinski and Brad Bichanich.

### Parks & Rec. Committee

Committee member Dan Tolzmann reported their meeting on 6/3/09 was well attended by all members. Minutes for the meeting were provided to Council. The bridge behind Creekside needs to be addressed where it seems to have heaved up. DPW Smith is looking to have blacktop added when the blacktop company is in town for annual repairs. A flexible steel plate was suggested which is used on the fishing dock at the Mill Pond. Trash cans donated by the OW Lions Club need to be installed along the trail. The signs prohibiting motorized vehicles need to be put up at each end of the trail from Crowley to Creekside. The concrete slab from an old rail bridge needs to be cleaned up of graffiti. Permission by the Friends of the Old School will be needed before anything can be done to the old rail trestle. Possibly an organization or art students would like to do a mural.

### Message Boards

Committee member Dan Tolzmann reported the Committee would like to put up two information boards at the campground and Mill Pond. Looking at catalogs can be quite expensive. It was discussed that maybe someone locally could build them and put a more personal touch to them reflecting the

heritage of the City. A Heggemeier/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved up to \$500 for two message boards.

#### Campground Upgrades

Committee member Dan Tolzmann reported the Committee wants to see the following improvements at the Crowley Park Campground on each site should have: post with site number and clip for receipts and reservations; granite pad for parking campers; picnic tables and fire rings. A Shelton/Heggemeier motion and subsequent vote approved to have the Public Works Department complete immediately the upgrades and will be overseen by members Tolzmann and Lulloff.

#### Goose Repellent

Committee member Dan Tolzmann reported the committee would like to see the Goose B-Gone repellent be sprayed way before the Owen Junior Fair. A Heggemeier/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved to request bids to hire someone to apply the product.

#### Payroll Report

Presented were time cards for all employees and overtime report for the pay period of 5/2/09 through 5/29/09. A Shelton/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the report. There was no overtime for this pay period.

#### Vouchers

Questions were raised and answered regarding checks #40391, 40412 and 40428. A Heggemeier/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following vouchers: City 40374-40433, City Total \$97,351.50, Water Total \$16,054.53 and Sewer total \$28,695.22.

#### Adjourn

A Lorence/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 6/9/09 open session meeting at 8:05 p.m.