

June 23, 2009 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 23, 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, Brad Gokey and Police Chief Randy Poirier.

Approve Minutes

A Heggemeier/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 6/9/09 meeting.

Public Opinion

Present: Kris Leonhard-OW Enterprise, Bill Benzschawel, Sid Borgeson, and Rick Nelson. At the request of Russel Hosler of 303 E. 2nd Street, Clerk Ernst updated the Council on the progress of FEMA and their project of updating their floodplain maps for all of Clark County. After all of Clark County community's concerns are addressed, a Letter of Final Determination is projected for January 2010. Final maps will then be produced for each community for review. Each community will need to adopt the final maps within six months from the LFD. Projection for completion is June 2010. Sid Borgeson questioned the Owen-Withee Area Chamber of Commerce's legal liability in being the liquor license holder during the Owen Junior Fair.

Annexation

No action taken.

C.D,A. Update

The CDA will meet on July 1st to address several topics regarding the Agri Business Park development. Clerk Ernst met with Ehler Financial Advisors at the League's Clerk Institute. Ehlers will meet with City representatives, MSA Professional Services and City Attorney Bill Thiel on June 24, 2009 at City Hall.

Resolution #2009-10

Sewer Treatment Plant Operator Brad Gokey presented the Council with the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2008. Gokey discussed important areas of the report which had a final scoring of 3.93. A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the 2008 CMAR.

Zoning Board Update

Presented were minutes from the June 17, 2009 Zoning meeting. Granted for Ken Frankewicz at 612 W. 3rd Street was a 2 foot variance to allow an 8 foot side yard setback and a variance to allow a 22 foot high roofline plus an additional 3 feet for a cupola. Judy Willacker of 506 E. 4th Street was granted to have a 2' x 3' business sign pending the approval of a conditional use permit for a home business occupation.

Liquor Licenses

A Tolzmann/Heggemeier motion and subsequent vote approved the following Applications for: Class A Beer: Creekside Convenience, Scott and Lori's Family Foods, OW Sports & Liquor; Class A Liquor: OW Sports & Liquor; Class B Combination: Woodland Hotel, OW Vets Club, Meadowview Golf Course, Taylor's Do Drop In, Double B Sports, Troiber's Tap; Class B Temporary: OW Area Chamber of Commerce.

Operator Licenses

A Lorence/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the following Applications for Operator's Licenses: Amanda Boening, Megan Koller and Gail Muehlbauer.

Computer Recycling

The United Communities of Clark County will once again hold a computer recycling day in Owen sometime in September 2009. Watch for information in the paper and the City's website at: cityofowen.com. A Heggemeier/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved that Owen will

participate in the program.

Resolution 2009-11

A Shelton/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2009-11 authorizing the sale of Lot 1 and 2 of Country Side Estates to Thomas A. Jirschele and Andrea M. Mahnke and for the Mayor and Clerk Ernst to execute the Real Estate Sales Agreement and Declaration of Covenants.

Ordinance approval procedure

The Ordinance Committee is reviewing an ordinance draft for the Police Department. The Committee is directed to review and make changes where needed and present the Council with a preliminary draft and to have a copy available for public viewing. A Heggemeier/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved those procedures.

Employee Benefit

Chief Poirier presented the idea of City employees interested in utilizing the new Company Store Fitness Center, that the City encourage fitness for better employee performance by possibly assisting employees with membership fees. A Heggemeier/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to table the issue till the next meeting and to gather participation interest from the employees.

Parks & Rec. Committee

Chairperson Dennis Lulloff reported the upgrades to Crowley Park Campground have begun. Gravel pads have been put in for each site. Fire rings and site posts will be installed soon. Questioned was the tree that seems dead at the entrance of the campground and could public works remove it. Hiring a professional to spray the Goose B Gone costs more than expected. The product is made from food products and can be applied by public works. Alderperson Shelton knows of a 4 wheeler with sprayer that may be available to use. The walking bridge behind Creekside has been fixed with blacktop. Jeff Hill has done a beautiful job of landscaping and seeding the area behind the convenience store.

Vouchers

Questions were raised and answered regarding checks #40466 and 40468. A Heggemeier/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following vouchers: City 40434-40476, City Total \$22,334.11, Water Total \$6,830.89 and Sewer total \$4,391.35.

Adjourn

A Tolzmann/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 6/23/09 open session meeting at 8:25 p.m.