

July 14, 2009 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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, Lulloff, Shelton, and Lorence. Absent were 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 Randy Poirier.

Approve Minutes

A Shelton/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 6/23/09 and 7/7/09 meetings.

Treasurer's Report

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

Police Report

A Lorence/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved the Owen-Withee Police report for June 2009. Chief Poirier also reported that the squad truck has recently had a lot of major repairs and has ongoing problems. It currently has 56,000 miles on it. A new squad should be considered in the 2010 Budget.

Wellness Benefit

A survey was submitted to each City employee asking their interest in a membership benefit at the Company Store Fitness. Four are interested, four are not interested, two are unsure and one did not respond. A Shelton/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to go with survey question #3 where the City will not contribute to employees memberships but they would still be willing to participate for the City employees to get a business rate and have it taken out of their checks as a payroll deduction.

Public Opinion

Present: Brian Reilly of Ehlers Inc. and Harriett Laube. The chest freezer in the park food stand does not work and it should be removed. Residents on 4th Street would like an explanation why the sewer main was plugged up a few months ago. The resident at 504 N. Paul Avenue still has multiple dogs. A camper mentioned they like the improvements made in the campground and why does the train have to blow their horn so much during sleeping hours.

Ehlers

Brian Reilly of Ehlers Inc. presented a proposal and agreement for independent financial consulting services. A Shelton/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the proposal as submitted. Mr. Reilly also presented some preliminary financial advice regarding the City's current TIFs 3 and 4. Ehlers will also be working with the Community Development Authority regarding funding for projects in the future Agribusiness Park.

Street Dance

A Tolzmann/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved for Brad Troiber of Troiber's Tap to have a street dance on either the 1st or 2nd Saturday of August 2009. As with other street dances, the music must stop at midnight and the area be cleaned up and opened back up to traffic. Alcohol may only be served inside the premises but may be taken outside but must stay inside the area roped off for the dance.

Municipal Seminar

A Shelton/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved for any staff and finance committee members to attend a Municipal Budgeting Seminar put on by Ehlers in Chippewa Falls on July 23, 2009.

WMCA Conference

A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved for Clerk Ernst to attend the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Annual Conference in Milwaukee.

Amend Liquor Ordinance

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2009-12 to amend Title 7 Licensing & Regulation, Chapter 1 Alcoholic Beverages, Section 2 Licenses, (b) Licenses exception for City-Authorized Sales in Parks. The amendment will read as follows: Pursuant to Sec. 125.06(6), Wis. Stats., no license or permit required by this Chapter or Ch. 125 Wis. Stats., is required for the sale of fermented malt beverages in any park or recreational grounds operated by the City of Owen. Fermented malt beverages shall only be sold by officers, employees or other authorized agents of the City.

Resignation

A Shelton/Tolzmänn motion and subsequent vote approved to accept the resignation of Rick Koplitz from the CDA. Mayor Swiggum will appoint a new member at the next meeting.

Temporary Class B

A Tolzmänn/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the application for Temporary Class B License to the Holy Rosary Summerfest being held on August 16, 2009.

Operator Licenses

A Shelton/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the applications for Operator Licenses to Krystal Jarocki and Mary Kieffer.

Message Boards

Chairperson Dennis Lulloff reported the Parks and Rec. Committee would like to recommend that Ron Fredrickson be hired to build two message boards at approximately \$500 each this fall. A Shelton/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to hire Mr. Fredrickson at the price quoted and for it to be paid out of 2005 Parks Outlay Budget.

Parks & Rec. Committee

Minutes for the 7/1/09 meeting were provided to Council. The non-motorized vehicle signs will remain as is unless a problem develops. The Committee welcomes any community service work. The ice skating rink continues to be worked on. The campground pads look good. The fire rings need to be truck size rims or larger. Bernie Shelton will be doing the goose spraying soon.

Payroll Report

Presented were time cards for all employees and overtime report for the pay period of 6/27/09 through 7/10/09. A Tolzmänn/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the report. Overtime was reported in preparation for the Fair and an extra officer on duty.

Vouchers

Question was raised and answered regarding check #40535. A Shelton/Tolzmänn motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following vouchers: City Pooled 40477-40564, City Total \$57,919.34, Water Total \$46,514.94 and Sewer total \$9,728.85.

Adjourn

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 7/14/09 open session meeting at 9:32 p.m.