

August 11, 2009 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 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 Police Officer Eric Perra.

Approve Minutes

A Heggemeier/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 7/28/09 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

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

Police Report

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

Public Opinion

No public present.

Employee Resignation

A Shelton/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the resignation of Officer Eric Perra. The Council thanked Eric for his outstanding performance as a Police Officer and for his interaction and involvement with the local youth participating in the House of Friends after school program. His continued presence with the program has gained a better respect between our youth and our police officers and their role in the community. He was wished success in his future endeavors.

New Employee

A Heggemeier/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the hiring of Bradley Tatro of Weston, WI, as the new police officer. Officer Tatro's starting wage will be \$14.00/hour and will be on probation till 2/12/10 and have a 90 day review on 11/12/09. Officer Tatro is scheduled to undergo the required physical, drug and psychological testing.

Joint Review Board

A letter updating the progress of the Joint Review Board was submitted by JRB Chairman, Scott Jalling, also Clark County representative. The Joint Review Board on August 6, 2009 approved the amendment to TID #4 and the amended plan.

Zoning District

A Shelton/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved that a proposed zoning ordinance, entitled an Ordinance Regulating an Agricultural Business Zoning District, be referred by the Mayor to the Planning Commission for its recommendation and report under Wis. Stats. Sec. 62.23 (7)(d) 2.

O.M.I. Property

Mayor Swiggum met with Valerie Anderson of URS Corporation on Aug. 5, 2009 for a site visit of the Owen Mfg. property. URS is conducting a Phase 1 ESA assessment which identifies any concerns of contamination. The Phase 1 report is necessary to apply for a Brownfield Grant. A Brownfield Grant can assist communities in safely removing contaminated material from commercial properties to better promote for reinvestment, new businesses and more jobs for the community. The Council would appreciate having the interested party in the O.M.I. property attend a future council meeting.

Crosswalk Signage

Four different options were presented for pedestrian crosswalks. Chosen was the signage that mounts in the middle of the street and also a removable sign. A Shelton/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved not to exceed \$1,200 for 4 mounted signs and 1 removable sign. The City will need County permission to place signs on the street.

Wireless Grant

The Wisconsin Department of Administration will be filing a federal grant application to bring fiber optic cable to all school districts and public libraries that currently do not have fiber optic. The Wisconsin Valley Library Service is in support of this application and encourages the Owen Public Library to participate. More details will become available after the grant deadline of 8/14/09. A Lulloff/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved the Owen Public Library to participate in the application with the option to accept or not accept the funding.

Appointment

A Shelton/Heggemeier motion and subsequent vote approved the appointment of Kelly Hanson to the Community Development Authority.

Hwy. 29

Clerk Ernst, Owen Representative for the Highway 29 Partnership, reported on their current project ♦Autumn along the Yellowstone Trail♦ placemats. These placemats consist of business ads from all Highway 29 communities from Curtiss to Cadott along with a map of the Yellowstone Trail and fall events happening throughout the communities. Placemats will be available not only at restaurants but also businesses.

Parks & Rec. Committee

Minutes for the 8/5/09 meeting were provided to Council. The message boards will not be built by Ron Frederickson so the committee is looking for someone else. The Goose B-Gone repellent seems to be working well. It is suggested that at least 6 gallons of the product be included in the 2010 budget and application would occur in the spring and throughout the summer next year. Campsite posts are up in the campground and the fire rings are still being looked in to. The committee would like the Clark County community service workers to come and help complete some small projects. A Heggemeier/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to have the public works department knock down the berm on the ice skating rink to widen it as much as possible, add hockey nets, and add drain tile along the trail before winter. An additional shelter near the tractor pull area was discussed. Another aerator line will be installed and paid for by the OW Lions Club. The City Attorney is working on a proposal to the Railroad in acquiring the burned railroad bridge and railroad right ways.

Payroll Report

Presented were time cards for all employees and overtime report for the pay period of 7/11/09 through 8/07/09. A Heggemeier/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the report. Overtime was reported for court appearance, broken hydrant and lift station alarm.

Vouchers

Question was raised and answered regarding check #40648. A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following vouchers: City Pooled 40612-40661, City Total \$34,691.78, Water Total \$12,307.09, Sewer total \$6,471.90.

Adjourn

A Shelton/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 8/11/09 open session meeting at 8:25 p.m.