

February 23, 2010 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 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, Lorence, Riihinen and Heggemeier. Absent was Shelton. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Cardinal, Police Chief Randy Poirier, Officer Bradley Tatro and Director of Public Works Gary Smith.

Bid Opening

Bids were opened for rental of farm land for 1) 26 acres, 2) 82 acres and 3) 70.16 acres. Bids are as follows: Wallenhorst \$151.55/acre for 1, 2 and 3; Stueber \$50.00/acre for 1 and 2, \$60.00/acre for 3; Buss \$50.00/acre for 1 and 2, \$75.00 for 3; Berry \$136.00/acre for 1, 2 and 3; Sensenig \$105.00/acre for 1 and 2, \$95.00/acre for 3; Blume \$111.30/acre for 1, \$100.90 for 2 and \$110.00/acre for 3. A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to award the bid to Wallenhorst for 3 year term at \$151.55/acre for 1 and 2, and Blume for 1 year term at \$110.00/acre for 3. Acceptance of the lower bid of \$110.00/acre for 3 took into consideration that Blume had tilled and fertilized the 70.16 acres in the fall of 2009, under the impression his lease with the Clark County Health Care Center was transferred as part of the sale.

Approve Minutes

A Lorence/Heggemeier motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 2/9/10 meeting.

Public Opinion

Present: Judy Vollrath with the O-W Enterprise, Gary McLaren with Hydro Designs Inc., Rick Nelson and Dean Mohr. No public comment.

Police Squad Car

Police Chief Randy Poirier presented the Council with a spreadsheet of proposals from two dealerships for a 2010 Dodge Charger Police package. Both dealers proposed \$17,000 for trade-in of the 2008 Silverado Truck. Previously at the 2/9/2010 Council meeting, quoted prices were reviewed from Osseo Ford, Jensen Motors, V&H Motors, Gross Motors, Urban Motors, Brickner Motors, Mertens, Midway Chev and Chilsons. The proposals were tabled and Chief Poirier was told to get more accurate numbers for the Dodge Charger. The squad outlay account has \$14,759 available for the purchase. Question was raised why another truck and a Chevy Caprice were not being considered. The preferred vehicle discussed previously was the Dodge Charger. Midway Chev proposed at trade-in of \$13,000 for the present squad truck and \$9,500 trade-in if purchase is postponed for 1 year. A Heggemeier/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved to table the purchase till fall 2010 and to have Northway Communications rewire the Silverado squad for a proposed cost of \$400 to \$800.

Heggemeier left at 7:46 p.m..

1st Reading of Ordinance

A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the 1st reading of the Sex Offender Residency Restrictions Ordinance

Sec. 11-2-19, with one change of Abbotsford to Owen on page 9. The ordinance can be viewed upon request at the Owen City Hall.

Purchase of Lot #2

An Option Agreement prepared by City Attorney, Bill Thiel, was reviewed for the first time regarding the sale of Lot #2 in the East Side Commercial Park to Dee and Jerry Wells. Question was raised why the City doesn't attempt to get more money for the lot being it is a prime location. The City purchased the full 38 acres for \$80,000 back in 2008 and the Wells offered \$9,400 for a 3.47 acre lot back in September 2009. A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to table the issue and have Dee and Jerry Wells attend the next Council meeting on March 9, 2010 to discuss what their plans are for the lot and what their expectations are from the City.

Cross Connection Inspections

Gary McLaren of Hydro Designs presented the Council with a proposal to establish a comprehensive written Cross Connection Control Program Plan. Hydro Designs will provide a foundation for an on going program to bring the City into compliance with WDNR regulations, NR 811.09, by conducting 87 inspections of non-residential and public authority water customers. A Lulloff/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the 1 year program for \$11,880 to be paid from the water utility.

Disclosure Reporting

A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved a contract with Ehlers & Associates to provide limited continuing disclosure reporting services for \$150/year.

OMI site Contamination

A Lorence/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved for SEH to do the site investigation work plan at a cost of \$4,200 for the contaminated property at Owen Manufacturing and \$4,100 for a buried drum assessment to dig test pits with a backhoe. The City crew is to use their equipment if feasible during the excavation unless larger equipment needs to be brought in.

Community Guide

A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved a ♦ page ad for \$172 in the Central Wisconsin Community Guide.

Owen Jr. Fair

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved \$3,000 line of credit to the Owen Jr. Fair Committee if the need arises.

Vouchers

A Tolzmann/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following vouchers: City Pooled 41374-41421. City Total \$217,215.64, Water Total \$9,457.63, Sewer Total \$44.17.

Adjourn

A Lorence/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 2/23/10 open session meeting at 9:41 p.m.