

April 13, 2010 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:42 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Timothy Swiggum presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Tolzmann, Shelton arrived at 7:50 p.m., Lorence, Riihinen and Heggemeier. Absent was Lulloff. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Cardinal and Police Chief Randy Poirier.

Spring Election Update

Winners of the Spring Election are: Ward 1-Stephen M. Heggemeier, Ward 2-Mary Lynn Kiviko and Ward 3-Melvyn Lorence. The two terms will begin on 4/20/2010.

Approve Minutes

A Tolzmann/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 3/23/10 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the Treasurer's report for March 2010.

Police Report

A Tolzmann/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the Owen-Withee Police report for March 2010. Also presented was a year to date officer training report.

Public Opinion

Present: Sheila Nyberg, Executive Director of Clark County Economic Development Corp., Tim Conway, Jim Hackbarth, Mark Hanson, Terry Laube and Jim Mauel. No public comment.

DOT Covenants

A Heggemeier/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved \$23,000 be paid to the WDOT to lift the covenants from the 31.28 acres of now City owned property.

New Water Wells

No action.

Lot Sale Prices

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the sale price of \$5,000 per acre for lots in the East Side Commercial Park and the Agribusiness Park.

Map

A Heggemeier/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the creation of the safe zone map for Ordinance Sec. 11-2-19 Sexual Offender Residency Restrictions.

EDA Letter

The EDA is requesting a response from the City and CWAIC demonstrating their commitment to the Innovation Center project and stating how they plan to meet required deadlines for the grant. Sheila Nyberg, CCEDC, and Jim Hackbarth, President of CWAIC, both gave a report of their progress and efforts in promoting the Central Wisconsin Agribusiness Innovation Center and the Agribusiness Park lots that are for sale. A Shelton/Heggemeier motion and subsequent vote approved to move forward to comply with the EDA requirements and for the CDA to borrow \$900,000 to allow CWAIC to continue the Innovation Center Project and get City infrastructure to the proposed Travel Plaza site in the East Commercial Park with the money to be paid back by TIF #4 funds. A letter will also be sent to the EDA jointly from the City and CWAIC with timelines for the project.

Executive Director Position

A Heggemeier/Shelton motion and subsequent vote approved to pursue and solicit the hiring of an Executive Director in conjunction with CWAIC. This person would work for both CWAIC and the CDA to take on the duty of raising funds to meet the EDA grant requirements and help the CDA carry out their duties.

Parks & Rec.

Minutes from the April 7, 2010 meeting were presented. Committee member Dan Tolzmann reported that the message boards are up in the Mill Pond Park and Crowley Campground. The non-motorized vehicle signs will not be replaced at this time along the walking trail. A Parks & Rec. meeting has been scheduled for May 12, 2010 at the Mill Pond Park along with 1 to 2 representatives from local groups and organizations to discuss future needs of the Mill Pond Park and its design.

Annual Meeting

A Tolzmann/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved for Council members and City Hall staff to attend the CCEDC Annual Meeting held at the Meadowview Golf Course on April 26th and to RSVP City Hall by Friday.

Board of Review

A Heggemeier/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to have Mel Lorence and Clerk Terri Ernst do the necessary training for Board of Review.

Owen Mfg. Property

A Shelton/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to move forward with the OMI Property field investigation, groundwater monitoring and site investigation report for \$19,700 with consent by owner Marvin Matejka to pay half of that cost.

Temporary License

A Shelton/Heggemeier motion and subsequent vote approved the application for a temporary liquor license to the Owen-Withee Community Ambulance dance on April 17, 2010.

Payroll Report

Presented were time cards for all employees for the pay period of 3/6/10 through 4/2/10. A Heggemeier/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the report.

Disbursements

Question was raised and answered for Check 41556. A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following vouchers: City Pooled 41514-41595; CDBG/2008 258. City Total \$116,846.08, Water Total \$45,073.12, Sewer Total \$10,534.23.

Adjourn

A Shelton/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 4/13/10 open session meeting at 9:41 p.m.