

May 25, 2010 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 25, 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, Kiviko, Lorence and Riihinen. Absent was Heggemeier. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Cardinal and DPW Gary Smith.

Also present and meeting as a Board were members of the Owen Community Development Corporation: Mike Riihinen, Dennis Lulloff, Harriett Laube and Kim Sybers.

Approve Minutes

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 5/11/10 meeting.

Public Opinion

Present: Judy Vollrath with OW Enterprise, Mike Voss with MSA Professional Services, Brian Reilly with Ehlers Financial Advisors, Dorothy Sloth, Mark Klein and Tony Suda. No public opinion.

Cardinal Avenue

Mark Klein and Dorothy Sloth with the Town of Green Grove presented a proposal to the City Council for the township to continue maintaining the area of Cardinal Avenue that is now in the City limits. DPW Gary Smith reported it would make more sense for Green Grove to continue the maintenance rather than the City having to drive all the way out there. The area measures approx. 951.05 feet. For 2010 that will cost the City \$370.15. A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to have Green Grove maintain the City's area of 951.05 feet Cardinal Avenue with an agreement to be drawn up by Clerk Ernst.

Financial Presentation

Brian Reilly with Ehlers Financial Advisors presented the Council and CDA members a packet of discussion items regarding financing of \$475,000 Innovation Center Design Costs. The City can either issue CDA Revenue Bonds Anticipation Notes or General Obligation Note Anticipation Notes as interim financing. The Council and CDA are taking the necessary steps to issue CDA debt as permanent financing in the future. The current assessed value of TIF #4 presently provides enough tax increment to cover TIF #4 loan payments with the capacity to handle additional debt. A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to have Brian bring back proposals for the June 8th meeting for financing an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Resolution #2010-5

A Lorence/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2010-5 authorizing waiver of notice of public hearing and consent to blight finding and changing the legal description to exclude lots 1, 2 and 4 of Country Side Estates.

A Public Hearing by the CDA began at 8:20 p.m. to determine areas of blight of City property in TIF #4. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:21 p.m. The CDA then approved Resolution #2010-6 determining property to be blighted and submitting determination to Common Council for approval.

Resolution #2010-7

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2010-7 declaring property to be blighted and authorizing the CDA to acquire and assist the redevelopment of the property.

East Side Commercial Park

Mike Voss of MSA Professional Services reported that infrastructure construction should begin in August 2010 if it's to be finished by winter. A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to have the Clerk's office begin grant application processes for CDBG-PFED and TEA grant.

Safe Deposit Box

A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Clerk's office to obtain a safe deposit box

at Community Bank of Central Wisconsin to provide a secure offsite backup storage location.

Parks & Rec. Pavilion Rent

Chairman Dennis Luloff reported on the Parks & Rec. meeting minutes for 5/12/2010. The committee recommended to the Council that Mill Pond Park Pavilions may be reserved with a \$10.00 fee and completion of an application. Pavilions otherwise are on a first come, first service basis. A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to charge \$10 for pavilion rental.

Disbursements

Question was raised and answered for check 41703. A Tolzmann/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks: City Pooled 41686-41718. City Total \$95,010.85, Water Total \$1,083.07, Sewer Total \$848.64.

Adjourn

A Riihinen/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 5/25/10 open session meeting at 8:57 p.m.