

July 27, 2010 **Common Council Minutes**

July 27, 2010

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Timothy Swiggum presided and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Cardinal served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Lulloff, Kiviko, Lorence, Riihinen and Heggemeier. Absent Alderperson: Tolzmann. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present was DPW Gary Smith.

Approve Minutes

A Lorence/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 7/13/10 meeting.

Public Opinion

Present: Brian Reilly with Ehlers Associates and Judy Vollrath with OW Enterprise.

No public opinion.

Resolution #2010-10 Authorizing the issuance of \$305,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes and the issuance and sale of \$305,000 Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2010A in anticipation thereof This money is for Innovation Center Design, road and storm water costs. The notes are being purchased by Bankers Bank of Madison. The interest rate is 2%, closing date is August 17, 2010, and maturity date is June 1, 2013. Motion by Heggemeier, seconded by Lorence to approve Resolution #2010-10. Roll call vote: Heggemeier-yes; Riihinen-yes; Lorence-yes; Kiviko-yes; Lulloff-yes; Tolzmann absent. Motion passes. The full resolution can be viewed at City Hall or on the City website at www.cityofowen.com.

Resolution #2010-11 Authorizing the issuance and sale of \$410,000 Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2010B

This money is for water system improvements to the Eastside Commercial Park and Agribusiness Park. The notes are being purchased by Bankers Bank of Madison. The interest rate is 2.5%, closing date is August 17, 2010, and maturity date is June 1, 2013. Motion by Lorence, seconded by Riihinen to approve Resolution #2010-11. Roll call vote: Lorence-yes; Kiviko-yes; Lulloff-yes; Heggemeier-yes; Riihinen-yes; Tolzmann absent. Motion passes. The full resolution can be viewed at City Hall or on the City website at www.cityofowen.com.

Resolution #2010-12 Authorizing the issuance and sale of \$425,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2010C

This money is for sewer system improvements to the Eastside Commercial Park and Agribusiness Park. The notes are being purchased by Bankers Bank of Madison. The interest rate is 2.5%, closing date is August 17, 2010, and maturity date is June 1, 2013. Motion by Lulloff, seconded by Heggemeier to approve Resolution #2010-12. Roll call vote: Lulloff-yes; Heggemeier-yes; Riihinen-yes; Lorence-yes; Kiviko-yes; Tolzmann absent. Motion passes. The full resolution can be viewed at City Hall or on the City website at www.cityofowen.com.

Resolution #2010-13 Consideration of Certified Survey Maps: Lots 1-2-3-4-9-10-14 Agribusiness Park A Lorence/Riihinen motion and subsequent votes approved Resolution #2010-13. The full resolution can be viewed at City Hall or on the City website at www.cityofowen.com.

OMI Update

The Council was presented with a spreadsheet created by Deputy Clerk Cardinal detailing the amount of money that has been approved and spent to date on the OMI property clean up. The last test wells showed no sign of contamination, so the contamination is concentrated in three areas. Mayor Swiggum reported on Monday's meeting with Emilio Lopez from Gestamp. Gestamp continues to work on their MISO study and to investigate the site and available resources. If they decide to proceed with their project, they will hold a meeting with the community to explain the project and answer any questions the public might have. They would be looking at a two-three construction process.

CDA meeting update

The Council looked over the minutes from the CDA meeting held 7/21/10.

Election Equipment

The County's election counting equipment is obsolete and the County Clerk is recommending that centralized counting at the Courthouse no longer be available as of 2011. A Lulloff/Heggemeier motion and subsequent vote approved Clerk Ernst's preferred option to purchase a M100 precinct counter, but only if the county pays half the cost.

City Hall Handicap Ramp

There was a complaint about the handicap ramp at City Hall not being accessible because the ramp has shifted and the concrete slab has sunk. DPW Gary Smith and Alderperson Lulloff had looked at the area and determined that if the current slab was removed and the ramp was extended five feet to the north, the issue could be fixed. A Heggemeier/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the alterations to the handicap ramp.

Liquor License Applications

A Heggemeier/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to issue a Class B Combination License to the Woodland Hotel/John Nikolay.

Parks and Rec Report and Ordinance allowing limited goose hunt

Chairperson Lulloff reported that he had spoken to Chip from the USDA Wildlife Service and that Chip felt a limited hunt in addition to what the City is already doing would be a good idea. They also spoke about the possibility of doing a goose round-up. The cost would be approximately \$4500 and the USDA would want to have a public hearing before conducting a round-up. The local Fur, Fin, and Feathers group is willing to build blinds north of the abandoned train trestle and make trails to the blinds. They would like some preferential use of the blinds as part of a youth hunt. Lulloff also spoke to Matt Wilson about the possibility of putting some of the blinds on his land on the west side of the Mill Pond and he is ok with it. A Heggemeier/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to change ordinance 11-2-1 to allow for a limited goose hunt in the City limits. Riihinen and Kiviko voted no.

Chairperson Lulloff also showed the Council the new Crowley Park sign. In addition, he made them aware that Parks and Rec wants to have public works remove the berm around the ice skating rink and use a snow berm this winter. The hope is that it will solve the drainage problem in that area of the Park. It was suggested by the Council that maybe just the north and south berms could be removed and see if that solves the problem. The Committee also is looking at expanding the number of campsites in Crowley Park by as many as ten sites with water, sewer, and electric at each site.

Disbursements

A Lorence/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks: City Pooled 41901-41941. City Total \$41,462.82; Water Total \$2,522.40; Sewer Total \$1,621.75.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 7/27/10 open session meeting at 9:12 p.m.