

January 11, 2011 **1-11-11 Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 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 DPW Gary Smith and Public Works Dennis Looker.

Approve Minutes

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 12/14/10 and 12/15/10 meetings.

Treasurer's Report

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

Police Report

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the Owen-Withee Police report for Jan.-Dec. 2010.

Public Opinion

Present: Linda Wyeth-OW Enterprise, Rebecca Baumann-CWAIC Executive Director, Cindy Cardinal-CWAIC board member, Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services, Pam Jaffke, Bradley and Gail Troiber. Rebecca Bauman reported to the Council that the EDA has requested from CWAIC a report due by January 15, 2011, showing a funding plan. Baumann reported that they need a title opinion certification of the building site from the City's attorney. There is a possible 2nd tenant for the Innovation Center but no names are being released at this time. The EDA will have 1st lien on the Innovation Center Building. Jack Price has retired as of 12/31/10.

Alcohol License Class B

Bradley and Gail Troiber were present to discuss the current situation of their Class B Combination Liquor License. Mayor Swiggum noted that the City Attorney advised that we follow the normal procedure for processing of a liquor license. A Lulloff/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to table the license till the next meeting and that the fee to Troiber will be waived.

MSA Facility Plan

Mike Voss of MSA Professional Services presented a Wastewater Facility Plan dated January 2011. Voss explained on key areas of the report with estimated alternative costs. The Council would like to see Phosphorous reports for the year 2010. A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to table the issue till the next meeting.

Health Insurance deduct

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved there will be no health insurance deduction from employee's paychecks and that a reimbursement will be included in their next paycheck for health insurance deducted from their first checks.

Public Works Overtime

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to table the issue till the next meeting.

Electrical Pollution

Resident Pam Jaffke of 206 E. 4th Street was present later in the meeting. Jaffke reported that Channel 7 is very interested in this story and will eventually be running a weekly series, possibly in February, on the subject of electrical pollution. Jaffke reported that she is getting a lot of feedback from residents and her customers through the clinic.

Resolution #2011-1

Clerk Ernst presented Resolution #2011-1 for the tax exempt lease/purchase of a 1999 Vactor Sewer Truck. The vehicle will be financed for a 4 year term. The Sewer Truck is in the 2011 Budget. A

Lulloff/Tolzmänn motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2011-1.

Deputy Clerk Employment

The Personnel Committee and Clerk Terri Ernst conducted interviews on January 10, 2011 for the part-time position of deputy clerk/treasurer. By recommendation of the personnel committee, Carol Devine will be offered the job at part-time up to 25 hours/week, no benefits, \$11.00/hour and a 90 day probation. A Tolzmänn/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved to hire Carol Devine.

Disbursements

Questions were raised and answered for checks #42483, 42527, 42530, 42531, 42535, 42583, 42590. A Lorence/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 42479-42607: City Total \$365,296.43; Water Total \$13,855.92; Sewer Total \$5,212.67.

Adjourn

A Tolzmänn/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 1/11/11 open session meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Mayor, Tim Swiggum Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for approval at the 1/25/2011 Council Meeting. Published 1/19/2011.)