

February 8, 2011 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 8, 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, and Lorence. Absent were: Riihinen and Heggemeier. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present was: Police Chief Randy Poirier.

Approve Minutes

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 1/25/11 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the Treasurer's report for January 2011.

Police Report

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Owen-Withee Police report for January 2011. Chief Poirier reported that he will be gathering prices for purchase of a new squad in the next couple of months.

Public Opinion

Present: Linda Wyeth-OW Enterprise, Rebecca Baumann-CWAIC Executive Director, Cindy Cardinal-CWAIC board member, Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services, and Jack Nikolay. Mr. Nikolay reported that the Woodland Hotel at 207 N. Central Ave. is in need of some water cross connection repairs that he will not complete as required by the WDNR. The building is costing Mr. Nikolay a great deal of money and in the last 3 years and 3 different brokers, there have been no offers to buy it. Mr. Nikolay is offering to sell it at his bottom line dollar but did not mention what that amount is. If he doesn't get the bottom line amount, he is planning to tear it down this year.

CWAIC Update

Rebecca Baumann-CWAIC Executive Director reported that she and CWAIC members have had numerous conversations with different states representatives including Terry Moulton and dignitaries from Madison. Conversations are hoping to lead up to a meeting in the very near future with Moulton, Scott Suder and others in an effort to develop more financial support directly from Madison. Meetings will be held with Ag Star who could possibly be a source of funding for the Central Wisconsin Agribusiness Innovation Center. The application to WDOC has been turned over to the underwriters. Baumann has had conversations and meetings with the Clark County Finance Committee and will be reporting to the Clark County Board in the very near future. CWAIC is working towards having the County and State to work together in guaranteeing a loan for the project and in efforts to meet conditions of the EDA grant.

MSA Facility Plan

Mike Voss of MSA Professional Services presented revisions to the Wastewater Facility Plan dated January 2011. Voss reported that he contacted Eric Donaldson with WDNR and inquired about the giving the City of Owen a time extension to their requirements of the 1.0 mg/phosphorus limit. Donaldson responded that the City must continue to comply by the March 31, 2011 deadline. A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Wastewater Facility Plan under Alternative #3 and submit the plan to the DNR. New developments regarding Algaewheel.com has come to the attention of Mayor Swiggum whom has meet with the owners this past week. It is a new development in treating wastewater by a more natural process using algae. Voss will look into this new process.

Resolution #2011-2

Clerk Ernst presented to the Council a spreadsheet of designated reserved fund account activity for 2010. The total that will roll over into 2011 as designated reserves will be \$152,366.57. A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved resolution #2011-2.

Temporary Class B License

A Kiviko/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the application for Temporary Class B liquor

license application to the OW Lions Club for their March 6, 2011 Ice Fishing Contest at the Owen Mill Pond.

Operator's Licenses

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the application for an Operator's License application to Jennifer Pippin.

Disbursements

Questions were raised and answered for checks #42705 and 42716. A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 42658-42719: City Total \$127,448.61; Water Total \$1,097.97; Sewer Total \$7,084.31.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 2/8/11 open session meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor, Tim Swiggum

Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for approval at the 2/22/2011 Council Meeting. Published 2/16/2011.)