

March 8, 2011 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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, Lorence, Riihinen and Heggemeier. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Approve Minutes

A Lorence/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 2/22/11 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

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

Police Report

A Heggemeier/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the Owen-Withee Police report for February 2011.

Public Opinion

Present: Cindy Cardinal and Rebecca Baumann-CWAIC Executive Director, and Robert Kroll (7:30 pm).
No public opinion.

CWAIC Update

Rebecca Baumann-CWAIC Executive Director reported that she and CWAIC members gave a progress report to the Clark County Board. Baumann wants to emphasize to the public that the Innovation Center is more than just another conference center. It will be a place for where people can start new business and research projects, as well as a place for various types of agribusiness training.

TIF #4 Update

Mayor Swiggum reported that there is a lot of activity once again with developments within TIF #4. David Konwinski has most recently confirmed his plan to locate within the Agribusiness Park pending that the Innovation Center is constructed. Another agricultural based business has the same intention pending the construction of the Innovation Center. A residential/business developer has interest in the OMI property and Country Side Estates. The wood pellet business has recently confirmed that they are now interested again in the OMI property. OMI owner Marvin Matejka continues to sell or lease the property. Gestamp from Spain will be in Clark County sometime this spring. Mayor Swiggum and Sheila Nyberg, Executive Director of the Clark County Economic Development Corp., continue to work diligently with all interested parties.

Training

A Heggemeier/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to send Clerk Terri Ernst and DPW Gary Smith to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Annual Policyholder Conference in April 2011. A Lulloff/Heggemeier motion and subsequent vote approved Gary Smith and Dennis Looker to attend the Wisconsin Rural Water Association Annual Conference in March 2011; Brad Gokey to attend the Wisconsin Wastewater Operator's Regional Meeting in March and the University of Wisconsin Annual Spring Bio-Solids Symposium in March 2011.

Temporary Class B License

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the application for Temporary Class B liquor license application to the OW Ambulance Service for their April 16, 2011 Annual benefit dance at the Owen Old School @ 101 E. 3rd Street, Owen.

Disbursements

A Heggemeier/Riihinen motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 42774-42826: City Total \$32,585.46; Water Total \$5860.69; Sewer Total \$1,220.71, TIF #4 \$5,740.00.

Adjourn

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 3/8/11 open session meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor, Tim Swiggum
Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Unapproved minutes to be considered for approval on 3/22/11)