

May 24, 2011 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Stephen Heggemeier presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Hanson, Tolzmann, Lulloff, Lorence, Feldman and Kiviko. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present: Sewer Treatment Plant Operator, Brad Gokey and DPW, Gary Smith, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Carol Devine.

Approve Minutes

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

Public Opinion

Present: Mike Voss with MSA Professional Services, Linda Wyeth-OW Enterprise, Tim Swiggum, Rebecca Baumann-CWAIC, Jim Hackbarth-CWAIC, Cindy Cardinal-CWAIC, Tony Suda, Sheila Nyberg-CCEDC, and Commissioners of the Owen CDA were: Kim Sybers, Darlene Zukowski, Harriett Laube, and Eileen Wilkens, James Louks and Wayne Kopesky ♦FiberPop Solutions, and Joann (Tink) Bircherm-Valley Forest Wood Products, LLC.

Development Update:

James Louks, President of FiberPop Solutions, was present to report on his plans in becoming a partner with the City and the Owen CDA in lending money to begin projects throughout TIF #4. Louks finds the City♦s development projects very exciting and feasible along with the creation of jobs as well as providing a tax increment to the development of TIF #4. Louks has signed a letter of commitment that is on file at City Hall. A Lulloff/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved to move forward with the development projects and pursuing a loan with James Louks.

CWAIC Update

Rebecca Baumann reported the CWAIC has received a \$25,000 pledge from Time Federal. A request for financing packets was sent out to financial institutions with 7 responding of today.

Resolution #2011-4

Brad Gokey, Owen♦s Sewer Treatment Plant Operator presented the Council with the Compliance Maintenance 2010 Annual Report. All grades were rated as A♦s except for a C for influent loadings and a D in collection systems. A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2011-4 Compliance Maintenance for 2010.

Job Award

Mel Lorence, Chairperson for the Personnel Committee reported that the Committee met with DPW Gary Smith regarding the summer lawn mowing job and that one of his full time employees will be out for several weeks for a knee replacement. Smith recommended with the long absence of his full time employee that the position of summer help could be increased in pay and allowed full time hours to perform mowing and other public works duties to help compensate the loss of one public works employee. A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent approval to award the summer job to Bernie Shelton at \$9.00/hour.

Camping Rates

A Hanson/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to allow a monthly rate of \$360 for 30 days.

Parks & Rec.

Chairperson, Dennis Lulloff reported the Committee met on May 11, 2011. A steering committee will be formed to discuss financial planning of the Mill Pond Park. The washed out bridge behind Creekside will be constructed in the fall 2011. Redressing of the aggregate behind the old school needs to be done. The Committee approved to purchase a new solution with the approval of the Council.

Planning Commission

A Lulloff/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the Mayoral Appointment of Tim Devine to the Owen Planning Commission. Welcome Tim!

Operator's Licenses

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the Operator's License Application to April Rohland.

Disbursements

A Feldman/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 43043-43082: City Total \$17,261.68; Water Total \$4,001.22; Sewer Total \$5,925.19.

Adjourn

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 5/24/11 open session meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Mayor, Stephen M. Heggemeier

Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for approval at the 6/14/2011 Council Meeting. Published 6/8/2011.)