

June 28, 2011 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 28, 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 was: Tim Swiggum, CDA Director.

Approve Minutes

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 6/14/11 meeting.

Public Opinion

Present: Linda Wyeth-OW Enterprise, Pam Jaffke, Rebecca Baumann-CWAIC and Bob Kroll. Pam Jaffke reported that since the CN Tower has gone up, herself and her pets are suffering from radio wave sickness. Jaffke asked that the City request to CN that they install a RF Choke to eliminate the waves that are being distributed across the City by the flashing light at the top of the tower. Clerk Ernst will contact the City Attorney regarding the complaint and their non-compliance with the City regarding a building permit. Bob Kroll reported that on the west side of his property, the drainage ditch that was there is no longer and he is concerned as to how the water will drain. Kroll wants to be present when the contractor, engineer and City discuss the issue.

CDA Update

Chairperson Dennis Lulloff reported on the CDA minutes from 6/22/11. At the 6/22/11 meeting, the CDA unanimously approved to elect Mark Hanson as Council Rep. and Mike Riihinen as Citizen Rep. to the CDA Board. Hanson was also elected Vice-Chairperson. Tim Swiggum-CDA Director clarified negotiations are continuing with Marvin Matejka and the OMI property. James Louks verbally advised Swiggum that he will have in hand the Letter of Credit in two weeks. Swiggum, Hanson and Lulloff drove to Big Lake, MN to meet directly with James Louks and review their project that is underway. Rebecca Baumann reported that the EDA is requesting an update from CWAIC by Friday, July 1st.

City Ward Boundaries

A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to leave the City's Ward boundaries as is for 1, 2 and 3.

Emergency Sirens

Clerk Ernst reported that the two new sirens for the City will be shipped next week and installation shortly thereafter. One siren will be located by the City Garage and the other across the street from the Holy Rosary Church. The sirens as funded through a FEMA grant applied for by the County Emergency Management.

Raze Orders

Clerk Ernst reported that a sample condemnation order was received by the City Attorney. Properties first need to be declared deteriorated 50% or more of its assessed value, then the order may be submitted to the property owner. Clerk Ernst will contact Building Inspector, Jim Flood for inspection services. The issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

License Applications

Clerk Ernst presented a list of applicants for liquor licenses. Applications for: Class A beer license: Creekside Convenience; OW Sports & Liquor; Class A liquor license: OW Sports & Liquor; Class B Combination Liquor License by Double B Sports. A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the liquor licenses applications as presented.

Disbursements

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, except to hold Check 43196 to The Samuels Group, City Pooled 43164-43203: City Total \$29,508.92; Water Total \$1,343.94; Sewer Total \$5,555.46.

Adjourn

A Tolzmann/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 6/28/11 open session meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Stephen M. Heggemeier, Mayor
Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for approval at the 7/12/2011 Council Meeting. Published 7/6/2011.)