

September 13, 2011 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 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 were: Police Chief Randy Poirier, Officer Mike Sybers, DPW Gary Smith.

Approve Minutes

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 8/23/11 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

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

Police Report

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

Grant

A Hanson/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to participate in the grant program for a Mobile Data Computer for the new squad vehicle. The grant is for \$4,000. The budget has available \$6,000. The total cost for the MDC is \$8,778.00 plus \$375 licensing fee.

Public Opinion

Present: Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services, Bob Kroll, Tony Suda, Linda Wyeth-OW Enterprise, Dorothy Roberts, Patrick Pfeffer, Kayleigh Pfeffer and Pam Jaffke. Pam Jaffke asked the Council why does the railroad proclaim they are exempt from local permitting requirements. Jaffke has contacted the Blue Line Community Coalition for information in assisting with the strobe light on the rail tower. A sample of an ordinance was handed out by Jaffke that would limit electrical pollution caused by towers located within the City.

Emergency Sirens

Residents Patrick and Kayleigh Pfeffer and Dorothy Roberts presented their concerns with the new emergency siren right in their backyards. The location so close to peoples houses is a health concern and especially if children are present. Pfeffer asked if the siren could be relocated & if there was an ordinance for public safety. It was also asked if putting it on a higher pole would help. In attendance was Mark Renderman with OWC Fire Association. Renderman explained that the City was awarded a grant that made it possible for the City to acquire two more sirens in areas of the City that have a hard time hearing the present siren at City Hall. Renderman has been working diligently with the Clark County Emergency Management in getting the sirens installed and working properly. There have been problems with the siren going off with the fire dept. setting it off and he apologized to the residents. Renderman will need to check with Emergency Management about stipulations of the grant and if a siren may be relocated. Pfeffer will be contacted by Renderman as soon as some answers are received from Clark County.

Ordinance

Chief Poirier reported that with the new law passed allowing carrying of firearms, it was deemed necessary that the City implement an ordinance regulating open and concealed firearms and weapons. A Looker/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Ordinance regulating open and concealed firearms and weapons as Title 8 Chapter 1 added as Section 20.

Change Order

Mike Voss reported paperwork was not signed and unable to present at this time.

Pay Request

Mike Voss reported paperwork was not signed and unable to present at this time.

Engineering Contract

Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services reported that a special meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.
to discuss the Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility Plan Upgrades

Resolution #2011-8

Clerk Ernst presented Resolution #2011-8 to approve an Employee Grievance Policy for the City. Ernst reported that with the passing of Wisconsin Act 10, the state has mandated that all Wisconsin local governments adopt a written grievance policy that specifically covers employee termination, discipline and workplace safety. A Lulloff/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2011-8.

2012 Budget Plan

Clerk Ernst presented a budget plan for the upcoming 2012 Budget. According to the plan, tentatively the City's Budget Public Hearing will be held on November 22, 2011.

Visitor Guide

The ¼ page ad for the Clark County 2012-2013 visitor guide continues to be worked on by Tim Swiggum.

Clerk Training

Clerk Ernst reported on the 1 day workshop she attended in Wisconsin Dells for implementing changes in public sector labor law. The conference presented a lot of information in the one day including Wisconsin Act 10 and the mandate of grievance policies. The League of Wisconsin Municipalities League Insurance does a wonderful job of getting the information to governmental units.

Disbursements

Questions were answered by Clerk Ernst for checks #43433, 43452, and 43459. A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 43406-43468: City Total \$61,331.13; Water Total \$13,994.82; Sewer Total \$9,928.96; TIF 3 \$7,737.50; TIF 4 \$62,711.07.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 9/13/11 open session meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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

(To be considered for approval at the 9/27/2011 Council Meeting. Published 9/21/2011.)