

February 28, 2012 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Stephen Heggemeier presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Hanson, Tolzmann, Lulloff, Lorence, and Kiviko. Absent was Feldman. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Gary Smith-DPW and Brad Gokey-STP Operator.

Approve Minutes

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 2/14/12 meeting, with one addition noted.

Public Opinion

Present: Linda Wyeth-Freelance Writer, Mike Voss and Jeremy Haas-MSA Professional Services, Pam Jaffke, Laurel Shilts, and Cindy Ruggles. Pam Jaffke reported she talked with the City Attorney, Alan Harvey, who is working on an ordinance regarding communication towers. Harvey expects to have a draft sent out in the next week.

Design Work WWTF

Mike Voss and Jeremy Haas of MSA Professional Services presented design packets of the upgrade to the WWTF. Their recommendation to do a disinfecting process with ultra violet lights for \$104,000 was approved by A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported on the minutes attached for the 2/15/12 and 2/21/12 CDA meetings. Swiggum talked with Jerry at the EDA. They received a copy of the loan agreement and were pleased with the work completed. The Agreement between Louks and the CWAIC/CDA states the funds will be deposited on March 20, 2012. Swiggum spoke with Konwinski and development is progressing well and is hoping for funds to be available mid-March.

Downtown Revitalization Committee

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the following appointments to the Downtown Revitalization Committee, Carol Devine, Mary Lynn Kiviko, Jackie Reinke, Marcia DeLucca, Roger Wallace, Phil Greschner, Kim Poirier and Eileen Wilkens.

Wooden Railroad Bridge

Laurel Shilts and Cindy Ruggles were present to report that they haven't seen any semi's crossing the wooden railroad bridge lately. Discussion took place as to what is the best answer to keep semi's off that bridge. There is signage now. Maybe a truck route sign would deter them away from the bridge. Chief Poirier spoke with the WDOT and in order for a fine to be issued the squad and semi would have to travel to a certified scale and be weighed, which the closest is in Abbotsford. Gary Smith-DPW is planning to put up more signs and Chief Poirier is asked to be present at the next meeting to discuss enforcement of the bridge.

Conference

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to send Gary Smith to the Rural Water Annual Technical Conference.

License

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Operator's License Application to Linda Arndt.

Disbursements

Questions were answered on checks 44087, 44096, 44107, 44111, 44131. A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 44068-44146: City Total \$46,734.55; Water Total \$21,658.84; Sewer Total \$22,955.37; TIF #3 \$3,056.38; TIF #4 \$42,607.22.

Adjourn

A Hanson/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 2/28/12 open session meeting at 6:24 p.m.

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

(To be considered for approval at the 3/13/2012 Council Meeting. Published 3/7/2012.)