

April 24, 2012 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 24, 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, Feldman and Kiviko. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director and Gary Smith-DPW.

Approve Minutes

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 4/10/12 and 4/17/12 meetings.

Public Opinion

Present: Linda Wyeth-Freelance Writer, Richard Pulcher, Robert Christensen-CSC Building Inspections, Mike Voss and Jeremy Haas-MSA Professional Services.

Building Inspection

Robert Christensen-CSC Building Inspections reported that he has met with Philip Troiber and inspected his home at 737 E. 3rd Street. Robert's conclusion is that the repairs needed to bring the house to 'livable' standards, will exceed 50% of the assessed value of the house, recommending the house be condemned. A Lulloff/Hanson motion and subsequent motion approved to declare the property a public nuisance and to have CSC Building Inspection send a letter to Mr. Troiber.

WWTF Update

Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services announced that an additional \$500,000 in grant money is extremely likely for the City to receive for the wastewater treatment facilities upgrade. This is in addition to the \$694,500 CDBG grant monies from the WI DNR Clean Water Fund. To take advantage of these additional grant monies, the design report, project plans and project specifications need to be approved by the DNR on or before 9/1/2012.

Sewer Use Ordinance

Mike Voss and Jeremy Haas-MSA Professional Services reported that the business that Dave Konwinski-Onsite Power proposes at the OMI site, will produce additional industrial strength wastewater by their processing of waste products. This increase will require treatment by the City's wastewater treatment plant bringing it to full capacity and no room for future wastewater users. Onsite Power is requesting a reduced sewer rate from the City or the option of Onsite Power building their own wastewater treatment plant is on the table as well. A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to table the discussion till more information is available.

Resolution #2012-8

A Feldman/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2012-8 Authorizing the Mayor to file applications for financial assistance.

Resolution #2012-9

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2012-9 Authorizing official intent to reimburse expenditures.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported on meetings held with Dave Konwinski and members of his team from Onsite Power Systems. Meetings went well and work is being done to engineer the facility and gain final approval of his investors. CWAIC has decided to continue moving toward construction without the EDA grant monies. This removes several restrictions and allows the building to be used as collateral for a loan. This will also allow for more flexibility in leasing to potential business partners. Work is being done to find out the costs of construction without the additional requirements from the EDA.

Resolution #2010-10

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2010-10 Approving the execution of an offer for termination and deobligation of grant agreement for convenience with the economic development administration. This is to terminate the \$4.0 million dollar grant the EDA awarded the City and CWAIC back in 2009.

Appointments

A Tolzmann/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the Mayoral appointments to the Owen Junior Fair Board as presented: Phil Greschner, Kim Sybers, Samantha Thornton, Bernie Shelton, Mary Oelke, Theresa Schindler, Rocky Lehr, Lonnie Kroeplin, Lisa Scheuneman, Charlie Milliren and Jason Thornton.

License

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the Applications for operator licenses to: Clarence Gollhardt Jr., Yvonne Royem, Allan Hanson and Louann Hanson.

Disbursements

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 44324-44361: City Total \$21,818.80; Water Total \$11,137.39; Sewer Total \$28,570.29.

Adjourn

A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 4/24/12 open session meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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