

## May 22, 2012 **Owen Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 22, 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 was: Gary Smith-DPW and Brad Gokey-STP Operator.

### Approve Minutes

A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 5/8/12 meeting.

### Public Opinion

Present: Linda Wyeth-Freelance Journalist, David Konwinski-Onsite Power and Mike Lensmire-Clifton Larson Allan. No public opinion.

### Financial Statements

Mike Lensmire-Clifton Larson Allan presented and reviewed the 2011 Financial Statements with the Council. A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the 2011 Financial Statements.

### Onsite Power

Dave Konwinski was present to provide an update to the council regarding the Onsite Power project. He stated that the original plan was to be up and running by the end of 2012 and he sees it as still being on track to meet that goal. He spoke to issues regarding the treatment of wastewater and the demand it would cause for our treatment facility. They are talking with the DNR about treating their own water and discharging to the river similar to what Kerry Inc. is doing. This would alleviate costs to the city but would limit income to the plant as well. He stated it was more important to get the project right than to hurry to satisfy the DNR deadline for the cleanup grant the city had been given. If the grant dollars were to be returned, Onsite Power could reapply or move forward without the funding. It will take time but he stated they are moving forward.

### CMAR

Brad Gokey-STP Operator presented and reviewed the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the 2011 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report.

### Street Repairs

Discussion took place regarding the area on County Hwy. X near the Masonic Lodge where the blacktop has dipped and is buckling. Senn Blacktop submitted a proposal for \$5,986.00. A Lulloff/Kiviko motion and subsequent motion approved to patch Hwy. X for \$5,986.00.

### CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum gave updates on the various projects that have been in the works. He reported on the NBIA (National Business Incubators Assoc.) Conference he attended for the CWAIC. He is working on the paperwork to submit a pay request to the EDA for a portion of the money spent on the CWAIC project. James Louks is still working on his financing and may be able to move forward with his development. He has been working on a site search for a potential dollar store that has interest in Owen. The Downtown Revitalization Committee is working on a Street Dance planned for September 8th. It will serve as a fundraiser for the DRC and cooperation between the O-W Chamber of Commerce has been good.

### Parks & Rec.

Chairman Dennis Lulloff reported on the minutes of the May 9th meeting. Topics included: Mill Pond Park funding and Railroad bridges. Approx. 40 goose eggs have been oiled and dog herding was discussed. Plans for improving the campground are: widening the road, filling in the ditch and possible drain tile to eliminate the standing water. Also, discussion took place regarding adding more campsites with water and sewer on the baseball field side.

Proclamation

A Lulloff/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming May 24, 2012 as Arbor Day in the City of Owen.

Copy Machine

The two prospects who were interested in the old copy machine have backed out. A Hanson/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved for Council members to ask around if anyone is interested in taking the machine at no charge. Toner for the old copier costs \$67.

Disbursements

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 44425-44471: City Total \$82,208.53; Water Total \$1,894.59; Sewer Total \$4,574.97; TIF #4 \$14,537.50.

Adjourn

A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 5/22/12 open session meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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

(To be considered for approval at the 6/12/2012 Council Meeting. Published 5/30/2012.)