

August 14, 2012 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 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, Lorence, Feldman and Kiviko. Absent was Lulloff. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present: Randall Poirier-Police Chief.

Approve Minutes

A Tolzmann/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 8/14/12 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the July 2012 Treasurer's Report.

Police Report

A Feldman/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the July 2012 Owen-Withee Police Report. Overtime issues were discussed. All Officers have agreed to keep overtime at a minimum unless absolutely necessary.

Public Opinion

No public present. Kiviko reported that Pam Jaffke inquired if the City has received reports from the two towers that they are in compliance. The City's Ordinance Attorney is in contact with their attorneys trying to get things straightened out.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum was absent. A report was presented. The OMI property has had brushed cleared. This was not done at City expense. Prospective buyers will visit to take a final look but it is possible now that a ground breaking may not occur until spring. James Louks reported to Swiggum that an escrow commitment has been made by a third party and he continues to move forward. He is willing to purchase the OMI property and divide it as necessary to suit the several potential businesses. The EDA has the final paperwork asking for reimbursement of approximately \$180,000 to the City for design, legal and administrative expenses. The DRC continues to work on the 1st Annual "Indian Summer" Fest to be held September 8th, 2012. Watch the paper for more information. The dime store building continues to be worked on. Some setbacks have occurred with engineering plans. The Woodland Hotel has passed a health inspection and work continues to prepare for an opening. The Dollar Store has visited Owen and has stated they like the market area. No commitment to location has happened yet. Quality Roasting is in the process of constructing a new and larger storage bin to the east of their plant.

Resolution #2012-13

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved Res. #2012-13 amending the 2012 Budget for City Hall equipment purchased.

Resolution #2012-14

A Tolzmann/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved Res. #2012-14 amending the 2012 Budget for Elections signage purchased.

Resignations

A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the resignations from Eileen Wilkens (CDA and DRC) and June Roehr (Tree Board). Appointment replacements will be made at the next meeting.

Small Town Downtown

A Small Town Downtown Forum was held this afternoon in Greenwood. In attendance were Clerk Terri Ernst, Alderperson Melvyn Lorence and Alderperson Mary Lynn Kiviko. The forum included various speakers and breakout sessions. The information given was overwhelming and very useful for small towns.

Parks & Rec.

Committee member Dan Tolzmann reported on the Parks & Rec. meeting held 8/8/2012. The buildings at the Mill Pond Park were discussed. Bids for roof and doors were reviewed. Track doors deemed most practical for Pond viewing. There will be no action on the railroad bridge until next year according to a railroad spokes person. A limited goose hunt will be planned for this fall.

Operator Licenses

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the following Operator License Applications: Sara Koller, Angela Hansen, Jackie Jo Peissig, Joseph McCune and Corrie Bottlemey

Temporary License

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the following Temporary Liquor License Application: Holy Rosary Summer Fest.

Disbursements

Questions were answered for checks #44758 and 44741. A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 44708-44768: City Total \$37,122.76; Water Total \$13,166.35; Sewer Total \$19,007.59; TIF 4 \$140.00.

Adjourn

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 8/14/12 open session meeting at 6:21 p.m.

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

(To be considered for approval at the 8/28/2012 Council Meeting. Published 8/22/2012.)