

August 28, 2012 **City Council Minutes**

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

Approve Minutes

A Feldman/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 8/14/12 meeting.

Public Opinion

Present: Pam Jaffke, Mark Renderman-OWC Fire Assoc., Bob Christenson-CSC Inspection Agency and Linda Wyeth-Free lance journalist. 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.

Resolution #2012-15

A Lorence/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved Res. #2012-15 supporting the OWC Fire Association in creation of a Fire District and dissolution of the Association.

Fire Dept. Antenna

The OWC Fire Dept. conducted a study of radio frequencies through out the district to an antenna on top of the City's water tower. The results turned out very good. The antenna will be installed with non-corrosive materials so that it doesn't damage the water towers' surface. The whole project will cost approx. \$9,000.

Residential Condemnations

Bob Christenson was present to report that he sent letters to two property owners in Owen: 1) Meier, 307 E. 3rd Street, Parcel #265.0030.000; 2) Troiber, 737 E. 3rd Street, Parcel #265.00281.000. The Meier property contacted Bob and stated that he is trying to sell the property. A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to give Meier until the next meeting September 11th to sell the property or remove it from the lot. The Troiber property did not respond. A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to have the Police Dept. begin issuing citations for each day the public nuisance at the Troiber property is not taken care of, beginning on 8/29/12.

Property Lease

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the accept the proposal by Royce Wallenhorst to lease 178.16 acres for a term of 5 years at \$200/acre, totaling \$35,632/year.

WWOA Conference

A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to send Gary Smith and Dennis Looker to the Annual Waste Water Operator Association Conference in Wisconsin Dells.

CDA Report

OMI Property: A map of the area of the wetland delineation has been received but the final report has not been filed yet. The interested party will be in Owen soon to review the wetland map and determine whether or not to make an offer. It does look promising. FiberPop continues to work on their financing, reports are good and we are cautiously optimistic. The EDA has the final paperwork asking for reimbursement of approximately \$180,000 to the city for CWAIC design expenses as well as some legal and administrative costs. The paperwork is in the queue and the EDA is not allowed to give a timeframe which we will see a check. Planning continues for the "Indian Summer Fest" to be held on September 8th. There will be crafters all day, farmers market, games for kids, food and beer along with three bands. Music will begin at 1pm. The Woodland Hotel and Restaurant opened on August 21st, the deck was completely rebuilt and much sturdier. The resale shop that was planned for the basement is not going to locate there, we are looking for another location. The Mystic Rhapsody Salon and Massage will be moving to 214 N. Central which is the next building North of Gelhaus Dental on October 1st. The building is being renovated and will help the look of our downtown.

Director Training

A Lulloff/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved 4 days paid while CDA Director Tim Swiggum attends the 2012 Wisconsin Basic Economic Development Course at his own expense.

Appointments

A Feldman/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the appointment of David Cain to the Owen Community Development Authority and the Planning Commission.

Temporary License

A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the following Temporary Liquor License Application: Downtown Revitalization Committee for the 1st Annual Indian Summer Fest on September 8th.

Disbursements

Questions were answered for checks #44808. A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 44769-44812: City Total \$22,362.00; Water Total \$4,525.27; Sewer Total \$30,183.31.

Adjourn

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 8/28/12 open session meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Mayor, Stephen M. Heggemeier

Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Approved at the 9/11/2012 Council Meeting. Published 9/5/2012.)