

October 23, 2012 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Stephen Heggemeier presided and City Deputy Clerk, Carol Devine served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Tolzmann, Lorence, Feldman, Kiviko, and Hanson. Absent was Lulloff. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Gary Smith-Director of Public Works, and Linda Wyeth-reporter.

Minutes

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 10/9/12 meeting.

Public Opinion

No public present. Discussed cleanup of two condemned properties.

Water Utility Viability

Gary Smith reported to council on the matter of scada recalibration. Apparently, our scada was reading less than the actual meter from the metering station. Energenics recalibrated the scada system and now is reading accurately. Meter loss only part of the problem. System leakage also a problem. Rural Water coming to listen for leaks on Tuesday, Oct 30th.

2013 Budget

After the Finance and a Personnel meeting, the budget still has a \$52,000 defect, mainly due to the \$165,000 Cty Hwy X project. It was decided to contact Brian Reilly-Ehlers Financial Advisors, to see about a loan specifically for municipalities with such projects.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported the Dollar Store hopes to 'hit the ground' running when final revisions for the contracts are complete, which should be shortly. The CDA met last week as did the Downtown Revitalization Committee. A lighting of the Christmas lights is scheduled for Nov 24th.

Economic Development Workshop

A Feldman/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved Tim Swiggum the two days off needed to attend the Economic Development Workshop.

Class B License

After discussion, a Tolzmann/Kiviko motion to reject the Class B Liquor License application passed with all ayes.

Quarterly Payroll Report

The Quarterly Payroll Report was presented. A Lorence/Hanson motion to approve the 3rd Quarter Payroll Report passed with all ayes.

Disbursements

A Tolzmann/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved paying the following checks, City Pooled 44951-45003: City Total \$53,149.07; Water Total \$43,698.79; Sewer Total \$11,114.29.

Adjourn

A Feldman/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 10/23/12 open session meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor, Stephen M. Heggemeier
Carol Devine, Deputy Clerk

(To be considered for Approval at the 11/13/2012 Council Meeting. Published 10/31/2012.)