

May 14, 2013 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 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, Gary Smith-DPW and Andrew Schade-Chief of Police.

Minutes

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 4/23/13 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the April Treasurer's Report.

Police Report

A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the April Owen-Withee Police Report.

Personnel Report

Interviews for a Police Officer were completed on 5/9/13 and 5/10/13. Two candidates were favored and background checks will be conducted. A final decision may be made at the next Council meeting on 5/28/13.

Public Works

A railroad tie has been discovered in a pot hole on County Hwy. X near the Fitness Center. It has been determined that it runs all the way across X and will be addressed when the highway is torn up this summer. There is a water leak near the Sunset Motel but a power line pole is in the way and needs to be relocated. Gary is working with Xcel Energy. Kerry Ingredients responded that they will not discharge in to the City's sewer system. Along X near the fire hall, some properties are having problems with flooding.

Public Opinion

Present: Lynda Wyeth-OW Community News Writer & Editor. Two Council members reported they received complaints about the smell from the soy bean plant. There is a tree down by the walking bridge near Crowley Park that Public Works should take care of.

Intermunicipal Agreement

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the City of Owen/Village of Withee Waste Water Intermunicipal Agreement required by the DNR for the funding from the Clean Water Fund Loan Program.

Board of Review

Board of Review will be held May 15, 2013 at 9 am to 11 am and those required to be there are: Terri Ernst, Steve Heggemeier, Mark Hanson, Dennis Lulloff, Mel Lorence and Mary Lynn Kiviko.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported that he has had continuing conversations with Jim Louks as well as Dave Konwinski. Both are continuing to work on finalizing financing and will hopefully soon be prepared to present more definite plans. The Family Dollar project has a wetland issue but should be able to be resolved. Dime Store is working on plumbing. Swiggum has received some comments about the tentative Commercial Kitchen. The Kitchen is not a restaurant. It is a place for people to make their products and then sell in a grocery store. The Railroad responded with an email that they are working on a proposal. The Community Garden will be marked off into (12) 10 x 20 sites. The first Farmer's Market of the summer was held on the 11th at the Mill Pond Park. Some new members have joined the DRC and have ideas for the community to do a movie night in the park, an auto show and a haunted trail.

Resolution #2013-24

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to write off bad debts, owed to the City, of \$14,645.15.

License

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the Operators License Application to Nelson Niemi.

Disbursements

A Hanson/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements. City Pooled 20439-20513; City Total \$60,939.59; Water Total \$7,108.66; Sewer Total \$405,034.94.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 5/14/13 open session meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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

(To be considered for Approval at the 5/28/2013 Council Meeting. Published 5/22/2013.)