

July 23, 2013 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Council President Dennis Lulloff presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Hanson, Tolzmann, Lulloff, Lorence, Feldman and Kiviko. Absent was Mayor Stephen Heggemeier. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director and Andrew Schade-Police Chief.

Minutes

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 7/9/13 meeting.

Public Opinion

Present: Pam Jaffke. Pam presented a letter to the Council with her concerns of the RR proposal to the City discussed at the last meeting. She requested that the City add to the proposal that the RR must install an RF choke on their communications tower. Swiggum responded that his contact with the RR knows nothing about the tower. A new law has been passed that states local governments can no longer deny wireless tower permits solely for aesthetic reasons, limit the height of towers to under 200 feet, or require antennas and structures such as water towers be placed on public property.

Car Show

Tim Swiggum requested permission to hold a 'burn out' contest at the car show on August 17, 2013 sponsored by the Owen Downtown Revitalization Committee and the Owen-Withee Area Chamber of Commerce. After much discussion, a Hanson/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to allow the 'burn out' contest contingent that they find cement barricades to protect the audience and to have Andy Schade-Police Chief and Mark Renderman-OWC Fire District Administrator determine that the contest to be a safe event and if they find any safety concerns, they will cancel the 'burn out' contest. Also, all participants will need to sign a release waiver.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported that the sale of the property the Dollar Store was dealing on fell through. They are looking for a new location in Owen. The RR will need 60 days to collect the materials needed to re-deck the timbers and replace the railing. The Commercial Kitchen has two prospective clients. The OMI building has been vandalized. Discussion continues with Konwinski and Louks has reported his funding will be available in August. Karen Swiggum will be opening her place of business in the Laine building in the next couple weeks. The car show will be held August 17th. The Owen Indian Summer fest will be held September 7th. The Owen Junior Fair had a successful event.

Disbursements

A Feldman/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements. City Pooled 20704-20747; City Total \$27,973.86; Water Total \$43,874.07; Sewer Total \$95,739.99.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 7/23/13 open session meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Dennis Lulloff, President
Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 8/13/2013 Council Meeting. Published 7/31/2013.)