

August 13, 2013 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 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, Lulloff, Lorence, Feldman and Kiviko. Absent was Dan Tolzmann. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Gary Smith-DPW, Andrew Schade-Chief of Police and John Stubbe-Officer.

Minutes

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 7/23/13 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

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

Police Report

A Lulloff/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the July Owen-Withee Police Report.

Public Works

Gary Smith reported the Public Works Dept. is presently flushing fire hydrants, the drainage issue between 3rd and 2nd Street has been modified and should take care of the problem, for future budgeting purposes 4th Street from the railroad to N. Paul Avenue needs new sewer and water mains and street.

Overtime Report

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the 2nd Quarter Overtime Report.

Public Opinion

Present: Travis Rogers-Associate Editor OW Enterprise, Brad Gokey, Jill Schindler and Linda Wyeth-OW Community News Writer & Editor. A citizen on 5th Street complained of the smell from the soybean plant.

Resolution #2013-29

A Feldman/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2013-29 amending the 2013 Police Budget by re-allocating \$7,000 from attorney fees and re-allocating \$1,500 to training, \$1,500 to ammunition, \$2,100 uniform allowance, \$400 to taser outlay, \$1,000 operating and \$500 office supplies.

Outside Employment

A Lulloff/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved outside employment for John Stubbe-Officer.

Ordinance Amendments

Amendments to Title 13 of the Owen Zoning Code were discussed. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on August 7, 2013 and approved the amendments and recommend to the Council for adoption. A Lorence/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved to table the issue.

Noise Ordinance

Consideration of repealing and replacing with new Ordinance Sec. 11-2-7 regarding Noise Limitations and Noise Pollution Prevention was discussed. A Hanson/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to purchase a sound level meter and table the issue.

Car Show

Tim Swiggum and Jill Schindler reported on the upcoming Car Show to be held August 17th. All necessary actions have been taken to ensure the safety of participants and the public.

Food Stand

Resident Curtiss Deering requested permission to set up his food stand "Bratwurst Chalet" periodically in the Mill Pond Park. A Lorence/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved to table the issue.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported that he has had continuing conversations with Jim Louks as well as Dave Konwinski. Louks's funding will be available August 20th, 2013 and he will bring in his crews after Labor Day. The Family Dollar project is looking for a new site in Owen. They have been talking to the owner of a house and lot just west of the OW High School. The car show will be held August 17th. The free movie night on Thursdays has been well attended. Time Federal will be moving into their new location next week Friday. The railroad responded that it will be 30 days to have all the paperwork ready. The OMI building was vandalized. The bowling alley building is going to be leased to a canned and dry goods business. Indian Summer Fest will be held September 7, 2013 including a "battle of the bands" event that has gained a lot of attention and participants. The dime store is working on siding and painting. Karen Swiggum's new business is moving in this week.

Licenses

A Feldman/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the following Operator License Applications to: Sadie Buss, Mary Kieffer, Jackie Peissig and Jamie Mateski.

Disbursements

A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements. City Pooled 20748-20810; City Total \$43,778.71; Water Total \$11,884.55; Sewer Total \$35,510.86.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 8/13/13 open session meeting at 6:53 p.m.

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

(To be considered for approval at the 8/27/2013 Council Meeting. Published 8/21/2013.)