

September 10, 2013 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 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, Feldman and Kiviko. Absent was Lorence. 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 Tolzmann/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 8/27/13 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

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

Police Report

A Feldman/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the August Owen-Withee Police Report.

Public Works

Gary Smith reported that while the Public Works Dept. was flushing hydrants, they have located two that are leaking. They will try to tear them apart and rebuild themselves otherwise they will have to purchase new ones. Smith has been talking with MSA regarding grant funding for the Lift Station #1 project. It was suggested by Oryn that the City install a box culvert on Willow Road. The waste water treatment project has been progressing. Soon they will dredge the ponds and insulate the chemical storage building. A Lulloff/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the August Public Works Report.

Public Opinion

Present: Linda Wyeth-OW Community News Writer & Editor, Karen Swiggum, Jackie Reinke, Roger Wallace, Marcia DeLuca and Sally Smith. Local business owners gathered to discuss the Indian Summer Fest and the closing down of Central Ave. for the event. Some business owners feel that closing down Central Ave. is affecting their business as their customers do not have street access to their businesses. Other business owners felt that the event drew people into their places of business. The complaints will be taken into consideration for next year's event. Business Owner Jackie Reinke encouraged all the businesses and the City of Owen to work together and keep the lines of communication open. She also stated to the business owners that they should take advantage, during these downtown events, to promote their businesses.

Stop Sign

A Lulloff/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to keep the 4-way stop signs at Altenburg and Bjornstad.

Noise Ordinance

A Hanson/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to repeal and recreate Ordinance 11-2-7 regarding Noise Limitation and Noise Pollution Prevention, with changes noted to the sound pressure level limits setting them at 95 and 85.

Visitor Guide

A Lulloff/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to do a ½ page ad in the 2014-2015 Clark County Visitors Guide for \$350.00.

Food Stand

A Tolzmann/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to keep the rental rates of the Mill Pond Park the same and to enforce seller's permit and pop licenses.

Indian Summer Fest Update

The 2nd annual Indian Summer Fest had a beautiful but hot summer day. There were less vendors this year. The Old School was open as well. The petting zoo and kid's crafts were a big hit for the younger

crowd. Chainsaw carver, Craig Syryczuk, created a beautiful eagle that he has donated to the City. The City is not sure what they will do with it yet. The battle of the bands drew in a good crowd for the evening events. The DRC will have a financial report at the next Council meeting.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported that there is an accepted offer on the bowling alley building to a food distributor. The name is unknown at this time. Louks sent an email explaining when his funding will be available. David Konwinski will be in town at the end of the month and will be meeting with the Family Dollar. Contact has been made with WE Energies and what they intend to do with their now empty building. The rail road paperwork should arrive soon. Responsibility of the 35 acres of land on the S/W corner of Cnty. Hwy. X and the Black River have been turned over to County Forestry and Parks. The foundation for the mini-storage building is in. Plains Gas is undergoing some new construction. The County Land Conservation is preliminary discussing a walking trail to the watershed.

Licenses

A Tolzmann/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the following Operator License Application to: Clarence Gollhardt.

Disbursements

A Lulloff/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements. City Pooled 20857-20906; City Total \$32,688.17; Water Total \$2,832.17; Sewer Total \$5,587.61.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 9/10/13 open session meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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

(To be considered for Approval at the 9/24/2013 Council Meeting. Published 9/18/2013.)