

September 24, 2013 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 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, Andrew Schade-Chief of Police and John Stubbe-Officer.

Minutes

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 9/10/13 meeting.

Public Opinion

Present: Linda Wyeth-OW Community News Writer & Editor, Veronica Pfeifer, Ronald Pfeifer, Travis Rogers-Associate Editor OW Enterprise, Jule Chase, Mark Chase, Judy Rossman, Harvey Rossman, Allan Hanson, Steve Hemersbach, Carol Hemersbach, Mark Schmidt, Curtis Deering, Jaclene Newell, Thomas Swiggum, Sheri Rohland, Shannon Scott, Ryan Renderman, Linda Henry, DJ Newell and Robert Henry. Timothy Swiggum announced his candidacy for 69th District Assembly.

Woodland Liquor License

Andrew Schade-Chief of Police reported that he had received an anonymous complaint regarding the Historic Woodland Hotel and vendors that remain unpaid for liquor purchases. Further more, the Department of Justice-Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms sent in a special agent to conduct an investigation. Chief Schade was also present during the investigation and was witness to numerous violations of state law. Present at tonight's meeting were numerous employees of the Woodland Hotel and a business located inside the Woodland all in support of Roger Wallace and keeping the Woodland open for business. The Council discussed the violations against the Woodland. The magnitude of possible charges are then tallied by the point system used in the Owen City Ordinance Sec. 7-2-17. The tallied points should assist the Council in the determination of a suspension or revocation of the Liquor License. After discussion by the Council and consideration of the audiences input, a Lulloff/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to suspend for 30 days the Class B Combination Liquor License for the Woodland Hotel and will be re-visited by the Council at their October 22, 2013 meeting. One Council member, Mark Hanson, abstained from voting.

Meadowview Golf Course

A Feldman/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved a variance to the Meadowview Golf Course and Restaurant to install a holding tank.

Conference

A Kiviko/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved for DPW Gary Smith to attend the Wisconsin Wastewater Operator Association Annual Conference in October.

Willow Road Culverts

A Feldman/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to table the issue until further information is obtained.

2014 Budget

Clerk Terri Ernst presented to the Council the 2014 Budget Schedule. Each City department is working on their budgets. When all are turned in, a Finance and Personnel meetings will be scheduled. November 26, 2013 will be the City's Budget Public Hearing.

Ordinances

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved an Ordinance Amending Zoning Definitions pertaining to certain nonconformities, Sec. 13-1-280(a)(177).

A Tolzmann/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved an Ordinance Amending the Owen Zoning Code regarding nonconforming uses, structures and lots, Sec. 13-1-100 through 13-1-102.

Financial Report

Tim Swiggum presented an income and expense sheet for the Indian Summer fest Event held 9/7/2013. Net proceeds came to \$203.42.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported no news on the Dollar Store. An opposition sign has been seen. The railroad is working on the wooden bridge. The bowling alley building has been sold. It will become a distribution center for grocery items. A haunted trail is being discussed by the DRC and Chamber. Dave Konwinski will be in town this week and will meet with the City.

Parks & Rec.

The minutes from the 9/11/13 Parks & Rec. meeting were presented. Chairman Lulloff reported that the Boy Scouts would like to hold a "Campboree" in the Crowley Park Campground in May of 2014. They will be given a special rate for using the entire campground. There could be as many as 100 scouts. A porta potty should be looked into. There have been hunters participating in the City's goose hunt on the Mill Pond. Bids are still coming in for the Mill Pond Park Improvements.

Disbursements

Questions were answered for check numbers 20953 and 20954. A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements. City Pooled 20907-20956; City Total \$51,442.03; Water Total \$19,780.05; Sewer Total \$6,024.92.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 9/24/13 open session meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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

(To be considered for Approval at the 10/8/2013 Council Meeting. Published 10/2/2013.)