

October 8, 2013 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 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 Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 9/24/13 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the September Treasurer's Report.

Police Report

A Tolzmann/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved the September Owen-Withee Police Report.

Public Works

Gary Smith reported that the department will be having the necessary safety training on Wednesday. The two hydrants are still leaking. A representative from Rural Water will be in Owen this week to take a look at the hydrants and see if they can be repaired or replaced. The high bridge is open. Gary has looked into solar flashing lights which are quite pricey.

Willow Road

Gary is still looking into what kind of culvert would be the best option for Willow Road.

Public Opinion

Present: Travis Rogers-Associate Editor OW Enterprise, Bessie Williams, Scott Rabe, Jim Weyenberger, Judy Rossman and Jeremy Haas-MSA Professional Services. No public comment.

Odor Complaint

On September 25, 2013 an odor complaint by Kris Koplitz was made to Scott Rabe of Quality Roasting. The complaint was also issued to Mayor Heggemeier and the City Council. Scott Rabe and Jim Weyenberger were both present to express their concern into this complaint. They reported that when the complaint was received from Koplitz by email, Scott Rabe responded to her immediately and ensured her that he would check with the operators at the plant and that they would make adjustments that day. Quality Roasting raised the stack another 30 feet on the plant to help dissipate the steam and any odor coming from the plant. They also changed some operating parameters that the plant was running at and they installed a small water wash for the exhaust air. The day of the complaint there was a heavy fog in the morning and the wind was blowing directly to Koplitz's house. The Council expressed their appreciation for Quality Roasting's attempts to correct the issue.

Donation

A Tolzmann/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to donate \$3,000 to the House of Friends after School Program. Bessie Williams was present to represent the program and report on their progress.

Fire District Budget

A Feldman/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to table the 2014 Fire District Budget until the next meeting when Mark Renderman could be present to explain.

Pay Request

A Hanson/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved Pay Request #9 to Staab Construction for \$45,831.00. Jeremy Haas was present from MSA Professional Services to update the Council on the waste water treatment plant upgrade project.

Budget 2014 Update

Clerk Ernst presented a list for an update on the 2014 Budget progress. A Personnel meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at 5 pm. A Finance meeting will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported that there has been no news from the Dollar Store. Dave Konwinski was in Owen and met with Tim Swiggum and two Council members. Konwinski presented drawings of a preliminary plan near the corner of Willow Road and County Highway D. The bowling alley building has been sold to Acosta Food Group of Chicago. A discount grocery store plans to open soon inside the bowling alley building. The Wisconsin Central Ltd. has sent to the City a real estate sale contract for review. It will be forwarded to the City's Attorney. Cozy Corner Café has re-painted their building which looks very nice. There is still discussion on what to do with the chainsaw carved eagle from Indian Summer Fest.

Mill Pond Park

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved a Bid of \$18,520 up to \$19,000 to re-roof the buildings at the Mill Pond Park including 2 coupalas and new fascia.

Licenses

None were applied for.

Disbursements

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements. City Pooled 20957-21020; City Total \$214,876.04; Water Total \$12,186.42; Sewer Total \$34,961.40; TIF #4 \$62.50.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 10/8/13 open session meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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

(To be considered for Approval at the 10/22/2013 Council Meeting. Published 10/16/2013.)