

December 10, 2013 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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, 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 11/26/13 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the November Treasurer's Report.

Police Report

A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the November Owen-Withee Police Report.

Public Works

Gary Smith reported that the department has been busy plowing snow. Smith worries about the older dump trucks hoping they last another season.

Public Opinion

No public present.

Project Closeout

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to closeout the Upgrade Project at the WWTF.

Pay Request

A Hanson/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved Pay Request #11 to Staab Construction for \$104,250.85.

Pay Request

A Feldman/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved Pay Request #12 to Staab Construction for \$10,000.

Wakefield Discharge

A Lulloff/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to give Gary Smith-DPW authorization to proceed in coming to an agreement with Wakefield regarding their discharge.

Appointments

A Tolzmann/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved the Mayoral Appointments of Election Officials as listed and increase the pay rate .25/hour. Dennis Lulloff, Art & Alice Feldman, Jim & Dottie Bjornstad, Tom & Virgie Miller, Ethel Mae Kresnik, Emily Makovec, Harriet Laube, Randy Fredrickson, Sandy Nyre, Melvyn Lorence, Harold & Fern Laube.

Appointments

A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the Mayoral Appointments of the Owen Junior Fair Board as listed. Phil Greschner-Chairman, Samantha Thornton-Treasurer, Kim Sybers-Secretary, Theresa Schindler, Wendy Henke, Rocky Lehr and Lonnie Kroepflin. Also presented was the Owen Junior Fair Board Annual Report. Questions were raised about the entertainment expenses of \$7,100 and other out expenses-general of \$10,066.48 and would request that the expenses be itemized more clearly on next year's annual report.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported that he has been in touch with Attorney for the Family Dollar Store. He was unable to reach anyone at the Corporate office. The Attorney is aware of the Zoning issues on the Konwinski lot and Gary Smith has answered their utility questions. Swiggum talked to

Jim Louks this morning. The title work for the acquisition of Railroad property is being worked on. There have been a couple inquiries on Owen's Agribusiness Park. State Senator Terry Moulton visited the Owen City Hall for an hour on December 3rd.

12/24/13 Meeting

A Lulloff/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to cancel the 12/24/13 Council meeting. Council will meet again on 1/14/14.

Disbursements

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements for this evening, City Pooled 21213-21259; City Total \$27,004.47; Water Total \$5,366.25; Sewer Total \$8,288.79, and for the Clerk's office to pay the remainder of 2013 bills.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 12/10/13 open session meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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

(To be considered for Approval at the 1/14/2014 Council Meeting. Published 12/18/2013.)