

March 11, 2014 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 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, John Stubbe-Police Officer and Andrew Schade-Chief of Police.

Minutes

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 2/25/2014 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

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

Police Report

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

Public Works

Gary Smith reported that water laterals continue freezing up for some residents. All water utility customers were sent a letter to run their water to prevent freezing. Presently there are two water customers that public works is unable to thaw. The Department is working at getting the alleys and streets cleared of snow. Question was raised if someone from Public Works was on call every weekend? Andrew Schade and Patrick Pfeffer reported they have discolored water and had it tested finding out the iron content is very high. They both brought in a bottle of water. Smith responded that when the fire department uses a hydrant in town, the flow of water stirs up the sediment in the water mains. It usually takes a day for the water to clear up.

Public Opinion

Present: Nathan L. Le Page-Publisher and Editor-OW Enterprise, Joe & Mary Konwinski, John & Barb Hansen, Lynda Wyeth-Freelance Journalist and Patrick Pfeffer. John Hansen asked if the zoning of the Konwinski property was going to be brought back to the table. Patrick Pfeffer reported on other issues with the City: No response by PW's to water leak; Alarm at booster station was never answered over a weekend until Monday morning; Resident was told to replace his own frozen meter; Is PW's having coffee in the morning; When is the City going to recoup the money spent on the infrastructure east of the City; The PW's Dept. needs to finish restoring the end of Pfeffer's driveway.

Seller's Application

A Feldman/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to issue a Seller's Permit to the Panda Garden-Catering and their weekly fees will be \$45.00. All necessary forms were completed and returned. The Chief of Police also approved back ground checks.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported that he has tried to contact the new owners of the bowling alley building to find out what their plans are; Talked to an Attorney with the Family Dollar who is going to look into a different location in Owen; The RR has returned the contract and should be looking at closing in April; A joint meeting of the DRC, Fair Board and Parks & Rec. will be held at the Old School on March 26th at 6 pm to discuss the City's trails, parks and upcoming events; CWAIC will be meeting this Wednesday night to discuss it's future; The are new managers at Mike's Bar; Nathan Le Page has purchased the OW Enterprise. Previous employees of the OW Enterprise are looking to start their own paper.

Disbursements

A Lorence/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements: City Pooled 21559-21616; City \$37362.46; Water \$14,971.75; Sewer \$13,278.35; TIF 3 \$2,906.75; TIF 4 \$17,855.75.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 3/11/14 open session

meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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

(To be considered for Approval at the 3/25/2014 Council Meeting. Published 3/19/2014.)