

April 8, 2014 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 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, 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, Erik Stinson-PW's, Dennis Looker-PW's, John Stubbe-Police Officer and Andrew Schade-Chief of Police.

Minutes

A Tolzmann/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 3/25/2014 meeting, with one change May to March.

Treasurer's Report

A Lulloff/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the March Treasurer's Report.

Police Report

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

Budget Amendment

Amendments to the Police Dept. 2014 Budget for vehicle maintenance expense were discussed. The squad has had extensive work to it already this year and this budget line item may go over.

Public Works

Gary Smith reported that there was a water main break on Saturday. Smith and Erik Stinson fixed it that same day. Dennis Looker & Stinson explained how the water main leak was fixed at Town & Country the week before. They have started to sweep streets. Smith explained there may be a way to get rid of brown water issues by lining the mains with a plastic liner which would be extremely expensive for the City to do.

Training

A Lulloff/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to send Erik Stinson to Water Operations Basics Training in Plover where he will earn 24 CEC's for Municipal Water Operations Specialist.

Public Opinion

Present: Nathan L. Le Page-Publisher and Editor-O-W Enterprise, Cindy Cardinal-O-W Enterprise, Joe Konwinski, Lynda Wyeth-Freelance Journalist, Chris Lulloff, Mark Renderman-OWC Fire Distr. Administrator, Robert Henry, Gunner Bernitt, Carrie Johns, Brad & Jean Gokey and Patrick Pfeffer. Patrick Pfeffer read a list of complaints against the City and turned it over to the Police Chief Andy Schade to investigate it.

Water Tower Antennas

Mark Renderman-OWC Fire Distr. Administrator explained that he is working with DB Wireless and Air Communications regarding the antennas on top of the water tower. If there becomes an interference problem with DB Wireless's antenna, DB will remove their antenna from the water tower.

Licenses

A Feldman/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved the application for a temporary Class B Liquor License & Temporary Operators' Licenses for the Owen-Withee Ambulance Dance on April 12, 2014.

A Hanson/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the applications for Operator's Licenses to Grace Dale and Samantha Thornton. Police Chief Schade denied the application from Gunner Bernitt. Bernitt requested that the Council reconsider his application and to allow the Council to read the police report that Chief Schade obtained.

City Property

A Tolzmann/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved to send the offer to purchase City property from Brian Bredlau to the City Planning Commission.

CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported that the Family Dollar has rescinded their offer to Dave Konwinski and the possibility of a Family Dollar coming to Owen is no longer a possibility. The closing with the Rail Road is near as a few details are being addressed. The lumber mill in Greenwood that recently burned down, expressed some interest in the OMI Building. Swiggum gave a tour of the Woodland to a party from Eau Claire.

Disbursements

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements: City Pooled 21662-21722; City \$50,452.85; Water \$23,169.38; Sewer \$17,955.50; TIF 3 \$250.00; TIF 4 \$500.00.

Convened into Closed Session: Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote (Roll Call Vote: Hanson, yes; Tolzmann, yes; Lulloff, yes; Feldman, yes; Kiviko, yes.) approved to go into closed session at 6:37 pm for consideration of employees on-call-Wages-Police Chief Contract under Wis Stats; 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Reconvened into Open Session at 7:28 pm by a Feldman/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote to take action, if any, on the matter discussed in Closed Session.

A Hanson/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to change the Police Chief Employment Agreement to read the residency requirement of 2 miles to 15 miles and to raise Dennis Looker's wage to \$20/hour retroactive to 3/24/14. No on-call procedure was created for public works department.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Feldman motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 4/8/14 open session meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

(To be considered for Approval at the 4/22/2014 Council Meeting. Published 4/16/2014.)