

June 10, 2014 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Stephen Heggemeier presided and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Carol Devine served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Hanson, Lulloff, Lorence, Pfeffer and Kiviko. Absent: Tolzman. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Mark Renderman,-Fire Chief, Andrew Schade-Chief of Police, Brad Gokey -WWTF Operator, and Gary Smith-DPW

Minutes

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 5/27/14 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

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

Police Report

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

Intoximeter/Police Software Training

A Pfeffer/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved time for Officer Ryan Boie to attend Intoximeter training and Chief Andrew Shade to attend Police Software training.

Truck Traffic on High Bridge

The subject of truck traffic on High Bridge was approached. What to do? A Lulloff/Pfeffer motion was put forth to both purchase and install a game camera for the purpose of collecting license plate numbers off of trucks. The motion also included raising the fine for exceeding the weight limit to \$1000. Motion passed with all ayes.

Public Works

The replacement of the water and sewer lines on 4th Street must be budgeted for next year. No way around that one. Something also has to be done with the culverts on Willow-NOW. Lehen Street is getting worse. Patching is only temporary. Also, the issue of sidewalk repair and removing the sidewalk on the south side of 5th Street was brought up.

Resolution #2014-6 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report

Report given by Brad Gokey. Pfeffer/Lorrence motion and subsequent vote approved it. Full report can be seen at City Hall.

WWOA Convention

A Lulloff/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved Brad Gokey to attend the annual Wisconsin Wastewater Operators Association Conference in Green Bay.

Public Opinion

Present: Bob Christensen, Building Inspector, Sandy Deacon, Pam Jaffke, Jackie Reinke, Cindy Ruggles, Cindy Cardinal-O-W Enterprise and Linda Wyeth,-Sentinel & Rural News. Pam Jaffke read a letter from Dr Deb Visser regarding the city policy as it regards to the handling of stray and injured animals. What is the city's responsibility and the vet clinic's responsibility should be clearly stated. Pam Jaffke would like to meet with the council to discuss this further.

OWC Fire District Siren Activation

Mark Renderman reported staff inadvertently set off siren, but the real issue is the problem the county is having with their paging system. At one time Mark was only getting 30% response. We have to do something now to insure adequate response to our alarms. The temporary solution may be reactivating our sirens for fire and ambulance calls. Whatever it takes to insure the safety of

our community.

#### Woodland Hotel Building Safety Concerns

Due to numerous fire code violations, Mark Renderman reported he had no choice but to evacuate all residents of the Woodland Hotel.

Discussed talking to attorney about police locking down the building to prevent potential damage.

#### Property Maintenance Code & Properties for Consideration

Bob Christensen reported four residences will be receiving 30 day notification letters, which means they have 30 days to get their properties in order or fines will be levied. The properties are: 730 E 4th St, 714 E 4th St, 319 E 2nd and 537 E 3rd St. A Pfeffer/Lorence motion to proceed with property notification letters passed with all ayes.

#### Consideration of Funding for Parks & Rec projects

A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Parks & Rec Committee the right to move forward with their various projects, spending up to \$10,000. The first consideration will be the cost of the new compressor for the walk-in cooler and other kitchen improvements. Overhead doors for the band shell were mentioned, as well as tables, siding, new counter tops.

#### Crowley Park Baseball Diamond Revitalization

Dennis Lulloff has been speaking with Darrin Ovyn on the issue of starting up the Crowley Park Ball Diamond. A lot of the material and all of the labor to improve the park will be donated. Clay infield still intact, just overgrown. Would be a place for the JV baseball team to practice. Jackie Reinke suggested utilizing the Withee Softball Diamond. Concern was voiced that Withee was a softball, not a baseball field.

Jackie was concerned that participation is already down, and this could hurt them.

#### Tax Deeded Land Sale in Owen

It has been announced that parcels #265.0007.000 and #265.0008.00 will be on Sherriff Sale, July 2, 2014. Any one interested may contact Clark County Courthouse, ph#715.743.5149.

#### CDA Report

Badgerland Surveys – Breadlau property surveyed. Dollar General to be done soon.

Twelve gardens planted at the Community Gardens. Also 16 apple and 10 cherry trees are planted giving a park like effect. Kerry Ingredients donated the water containers and the city is helping with keeping them full. For only the second year, the gardens are really taking off.

Upscale Resale closed-potential new business thinking about filling the vacancy.

Waiting on CN resolution to move forward with the Railroad property. Should happen soon.

Jim Louks investment still in the works.

#### Disbursements

Questions were answered for checks 21942, 21952, 21953, 21954, 21960 and 21963. A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements: City Pooled 21908-21970; City \$54,834.62; Water \$12,014.97; Sewer \$12,648.04; Lake District \$58,376.31

#### Adjourn

A Kiviko/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 6/10/14 open session meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Stephen M. Heggemeier, Mayor  
Carol Devine, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 6/24/2014 Council Meeting. Published 6/18/2014.)