

June 24, 2014 **City Council Meetings**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 24, 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, Tolzmann, Lorence, Pfeffer and Kiviko. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director and Andrew Schade-Chief of Police.

Bids for Parcel #265.0345.000

A Lulloff/Pfeffer motion to sell parcel #265.0345.000 to Jon Harms for \$1,000 an acre passed with all ayes.

Minutes

A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 6/10/14 meeting.

Burn-out Contest

Drew Potocnik has been looking into installing a 8 x 8 slab of concrete with anchor for burn-out contest. With volunteers and donations, it shouldn't cost that much; the question is where to put it. Also, safety concerns were noted. Complaints of smoke and noise from last year were duly noted. A Kiviko/Tolzmann motion to table it for two weeks, when more information could be presented, passed with all ayes.

Owen PD storage unit

Chief Schade stated as there was no room at the City Garage, he had to rent a storage unit for the back-up squad. A Pfeffer/Lorence motion to keep the squad at the rental unit until such time that space could be made at the City Garage passed with Hanson, Tolzmann, Lorence, Pfeffer, Kiviko voting yes; Lulloff voting no.

Performance Review/Wage Increase-Officer Boie

Chief Schade was pleased with the job Officer Boie has been doing. The Personnel Committee recommended Officer Boie receive a \$2 an hour raise. A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved.

Injured Animal Policy

After much discussion, a motion was made by Lorence, seconded by Tolzmann, to allow the City to pay up to \$200 to care for an injured animal when owner is unknown. If the bill is over \$200, the Mayor should be contacted for the final say in the matter. The motion passed with all ayes, except Pfeffer, who voted nay.

Public Present

Drew Potocnik, Jill Schindler, Louise Brower, James Brower Sr, Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise, Pam Jaffke and Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News were present.

Public Opinion

Barricade had to be moved to side of road, as the road was breaking down when vehicles would drive off the road to go around it, and then come back up on the pavement. Chief had tried to get a hold of Garmin to have them route trucks around high bridge, to no avail. Talk of making the road a dead end ensued. Chief Schade will look into a game camera to record license plates, as had been previously approved at the 6/10/14 Council Meeting.

Approve Certified Survey Map East Commercial Park:

A Tolzmann/ Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved the East Commercial Survey Map. Map will be sent to county for recording.

Consideration of Price for Open Liquor License:

There is one Combination Class "B" liquor license still available for the City. This license will be an asset for the business obtaining it and should therefore have a monetary value. A price of \$5,000 was set by a Lorence/Tolzman motion followed by an all aye vote.

Consideration for New 6 Month Liquor License Application (Combination Class "B")

Motion to table 6 month Liquor Application was made by Tolzman, seconded by Lorence; passed with all ayes.

Consideration of New Liquor License Application (Class "A" Liquor)

A Pfeffer/Lorence motion not to create a new Class "A" liquor license passed with all ayes.

Consideration of Liquor License Applications

Due to outstanding Personal Property taxes, the license for O-W Sports & Liqour was granted, but not issued at this time. If taxes are paid by the 30th of June, her license will be issued. If not, a hearing will be held on July 8, 2014.

Liquor Licenses for the Meadowview Golf Course, Mike's Seldom Inn, the Thirsty Squirrel, Creekside, O-W Vets and Pippin's Pub & Grub were issued. A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote passed the action taken for the Liquor License applicants.

Consideration of Operators Licenses:

All Operators License applications on the list, with the addition of Canice Parnewicz, were approved by a Tolzman/Lorence motion and subsequent vote.

Update from Parks & Rec Meeting

Dennis Lulloff reported the committee is proceeding with the much needed updating of the cooling system for the walk-in cooler. A new compressor and used evaporator will be purchased from Joe's Refrigeration. Also, new garage type doors are being installed on the west side of the 3-sided band shell shelter. These doors will open up a whole new look towards the Mill Pond.

CDA Report

Dollar General working on contract. Denny Lulloff noted that the more parking space available on the west side, the better.

The Bredlau property survey was completed and the Certified Survey Map was sent to County.

Roger Wallace signed the Woodland Hotel back over to Helen Nikolay, the original owner.

Still waiting on CN resolution to move forward with the Railroad property.

Disbursements

Questions were answered for checks 21996 and 22004. A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements: City Pooled Check# 22971 to 22012; City \$28,533.85, Water \$6,377.12 and Sewer \$6,916.37.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Tolzman motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 6/24/14 open session meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Stephen M. Heggemeier, Mayor

Carol Devine, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 7/8/2014 Council Meeting. Published 7/2/2014.)