

July 22, 2014 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 22, 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, Lulloff, Tolzmann, Lorence, Pfeffer and Kiviko. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Andrew Schade-Chief of Police, Carol Devine and Gary Smith-DPW.

Minutes

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 7/8/14 meeting.

Public Present

Bob Christensen-CSC, Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise, Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News.

Public Opinion

Mayor Heggemeier reported that Council members may not bring issues, from citizens, to the Council during public opinion.

Properties

A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to have Bob with CSC send a letter to Sean Healy regarding his property at 537 E. 3rd Street giving him 30 days to comply and if he does not comply, he will fined approx. \$175/day he is in violation. A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to have Bob with CSC send letters to Ervin Schafer for property at 714 E. 4th Street and Dan Parker at 319 E. 2nd Street that they have 60 days to complete their work with their properties and a re-inspection will then be conducted. Laura Harmon sent in her plan to fix her property and will be re-inspected on September 1, 2014.

db Wireless

No action.

2nd Qtr. OT Report

Department heads need to watch their overtime. In most cases, it can't be avoided. Question was raised if Swiggum can bank comp. time or is he to use it within the same pay period, like the Public Works Dept.. A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the overtime report.

Credit Card

A Pfeffer/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote, Tolzmann voted no, approved for Clerk Ernst to apply for a City Credit Card, which may be checked out by employees and returned with receipts and purchases over \$1,000 need pre-approval from the Council.

Purchases

A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved for Police Chief Schade to purchase 4 more security cameras on his personal credit card from Amazon.

Culverts

DPW Gary Smith advised the Council that in order to get a DNR permit for the replacement of the culverts on Willow Road, he must hire the City Engineer to create the plans required by the DNR in order to apply for the permit due to the fact the culverts are more than 20 sq. feet in size.

Training

A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved for all of the Police Department to participate in EVOC training at Fort McCoy, WI.

CDA Report

Tim Swiggum-CDA Director announced the Dollar General have signed on to the lease with Golden Warriors. The design plan will come before the Council and will be sending \$2,000 earnest money to the City. Woodland is empty and there has been no interest. The concrete barricades will be built by

Wampole Construction. All money was donated to pay for the barricades. Porta potties will be ordered for the Car Show Event. The Owen Junior Fair went well. The fireworks show was cancelled due to rain and will be scheduled for another time. It was mentioned the track for tractor pull is not wide enough. Louks response is positive. There is an interest in the OMI Building. A cherry tree that died at the community gardens was replaced with a new one. The rail road sent an email that they were cutting a check soon.

Disbursements

Questions were answered for checks 22055, 22072, 22078, 22088, 22090, 22092, 22098, 22106. A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements: City Pooled Check# 22054 to 22106; City \$42,991.58, Water \$14,169.96 and Sewer \$5,915.21.

Convened into Closed Session: Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote (Roll Call Vote: Hanson, yes; Tolzmann, yes; Lulloff, yes; Lorence, yes; Pfeffer, yes; Kiviko, yes.) approved to go into closed session at 7:00 pm for deliberation of purchase of public property Under 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investigation of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Reconvened into Open Session at 7:39 pm by a Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote.

The Council approved to have the old Time Federal Building inspected, request to see the appraisal from Time Federal and plan a meeting to view the building on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 3:15 pm.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 7/22/14 open session meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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

(To be considered for Approval at the 8/13/2014 Council Meeting. Published 7/30/2014.)