

August 12, 2014 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 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, and Kiviko. Absent was: Pfeffer. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Gary Smith-DPW, and John Stubbe-Police Officer.

Bid Openings

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the following bids to: George Cordwell \$817 for 1958 Chevy, \$27.50 pressure washer and \$310 Wheel Horse lawnmower; Dawn Frese \$507.89 JD 7" cycle mower.

Minutes

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 7/22/14 and 7/24/14 meetings.

Treasure's Report

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the Treasure's Report for July.

Police Report

A Lulloff/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the July Police Report.

Public Works Report

Gary Smith-DPW reported that MSA proposed the replacement of the culvert on Willow Road at a cost of \$51,953.33. The City has an opportunity to obtain some cheap clay and black dirt that could fill in the swamp hole where the tractor pulls occur. \$1/yd for clay and \$3 for black dirt and 10 hours to level it at \$70/hour. Smith reminded the Council of the 4th Street water and sewer needs to be completed soon.

Public Present

Matt Riihinen, Kellie Hanson, Jackie Reinke, Eileen Wilkens, Gail Muelbauer, Phil B., Kevin Wyeth, Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Vanessa Cwikla, Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise.

Public Opinion

Jackie Reinke of OW Sports & Liquor explained that there is no excuse for her not paying her water bills and personal property taxes and said that only she was to blame for the lateness. As of today, Jackie is current on all her bills and aims to keep it that way. She said City Hall did their duties and sent her letter after letter notifying her of her delinquencies. Eileen Wilkens read her letter stating her embarrassment and frustration by the events that are occurring in Owen. She stated that "we are a small community, not Washington D.C.". Kellie Hanson presented receipts and had questions regarding charges for a fireworks permit that was labeled sellers permit and a charge for a soda license. Clerk Ernst will look into it and get back to Kellie.

Site Lease Agreement

Presented to the Council was the site lease agreement with db Wireless for leasing space on the City's water tower for communications equipment. The addendum shows the City will receive access to three standard internet connections. A Hanson/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the agreement.

Possible property acquisition

A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to not pursue the purchase of the Time Federal building at 249 W. 3rd Street.

CDA Report

Tim Swiggum reported the Dollar General is doing soil borings and surveying the property. A Zoning meeting will be held August 28th for a variance request for the parking stalls and signage. Planning will meet September 3 to review the site plans which will then be recommended to the City Council

September 9th. The Car Show will be held this weekend. The Indian Summer Fest in September 6th which will include a battle of the bands. Louks sent an email showing potential timeline. Also, the Railroad paperwork is in the City Attorney's hands.

Consideration of Operator Licenses Applications

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved Operator Licenses for Grace Dale, Jasmine Baker and Megan Roedel.

Disbursements

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements: City Pooled Check#22107-22181. City \$43,830.74, Water \$10,340.27 and Sewer \$6,629.13.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 8/12/14 open session meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

(To be considered for Approval at the 8/26/2014 Council Meeting. Published 8/20/2014.)