

October 14, 2014 **Common Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 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, Pfeffer, and Kiviko. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Erik Stinson-Public Works and Andy Schade-Police Chief.

Minutes

A Tolzmann/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 9/23/14 meeting.

Treasure's Report

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

Police Report

The Police Department continues to enforce truck traffic going over the wooden bridge. More signage to Roehl and Kerry was suggested. There was a homeless person in the campground but he has now moved to a different location. Chief Schade also announced that he has promoted Officer John Stubbe to Sergeant as of 10/1/14. A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the September Police Report.

Public Works Report

Erik Stinson-PW reported that we are still waiting for permit from DNR regarding culverts on Willow. Stinson reported that MSA has determined the project on 4th Street, from the rail road to N. Paul Avenue has come in at \$681,000. The DNR completed their annual inspection of the City's water system and all is satisfactory. The City has completed flushing of the water mains and hydrants. Annual exercising of the valves has also been completed. Public Works has the sewer jetter out and cleaned some sewer mains of tree roots. Alderman Pfeffer asked about some gravel on City property after some work was done by the City. The fill is all in at the Mill Pond. It took about 2 hours to level it. A Pfeffer/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the Public Works Report.

3rd Quarter Overtime Report

A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the overtime report.

Offers to Purchase

David & Tracey Taylor submitted an offer of \$125 to purchase City property that lies behind their property at 303 N. Madsen Street. It is a 30' x 50' parcel. Mark Pabich of Master Package Corporation would like to purchase City Property adjacent to his building. A Pfeffer/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to submit both offers to purchase City Property to the Planning Commission.

Public Present

Bob Christensen-CSC Services, Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise. There was no public opinion.

Properties in Violation

Bob Christensen of CSC Services reported on the four letters he sent out in July. 1) Dan Parker of 319 E. 2nd Street; Dan has satisfied the complaint sent to him and a letter will be sent giving him until April 2015 to complete the repairs on the house. 2) Ervin Schafer of 714 E. 4th Street has satisfied the complaint sent to him. 3) Laura Harmon of 730 E. 4th Street has satisfied the complaint sent to her. 4) Sean Healy of 537 E. 3rd Street has responded to the complaint sent to him that he is returning all ownership of the property back to Del Lussenden. A letter will be sent to Lussenden giving him 30 days to respond with his plan for the property. A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved 1 through 4.

Resolution #2014-9

A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2014-9 to execute the deed to Golden Warriors, LLC.

Resolution #2014-8

A Pfeffer/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2014-8 to approve the amendments to the 2014 Budget totaling \$2,939.78.

Budget

Departments have recently turned in their proposals for the 2015 Budget. Clerk Ernst has yet to enter them into the system so no reports are available tonight.

OWADC

Pfeffer reported he attended the Owen-Withee Area Development Corp. meeting on October 6, 2014. The group is working on a map project for the Owen and Withee area. There are 25 ad spots that need to be sold yet before the map can be printed. The group is asking if Tim Swiggum can help sell some ads being that he is familiar with the area businesses.

CDA Report

Tim Swiggum reported the he is working in conjunction with the USDA Rural Development regarding a lien for a water main that runs through the Dollar General site. A local business is looking into the OMI Building and maybe taking on the grant and clean up of the property. The building that houses Mystic Rhapsody is being resided. Swiggum has not heard from Brian Bredlau. The Council was presented a letter update from James Louks.

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Disbursements

Questions on Checks #22392, #22405 and #22413. Concerns and comments came from Council inquiring about Check #22413 to Weld Riley Prenn & Ricci, City Attorney, for \$7,641.50. Clerk Ernst explained that \$449.50 was for police prosecutions; \$496 for RR sale; \$4,526 was for Attorney services regarding an open record request to Chief Schade for the video from when lawnmower Phil was questioned; \$2,170 for ongoing issues. Alderman Pfeffer stated that the fees are astronomical and requested that the issue of attorney fees be brought back to the Council at the next meeting. A Tolzmann/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements: City Pooled Check#22331-22417. City \$69,503.21, Water \$48,672.96 and Sewer \$38,208.98.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 10/14/14 open session meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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

(Approved at the 10/28/2014 Council Meeting. Published 10/22/2014.)