

## December 9, 2014 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Stephen Heggemeier presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Luloff, Lorence, Pfeffer, and Kiviko. Absent were: Hanson and Tolzmann. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Andy Schade-Police Chief, Gary Smith-DPW and Erik Stinson-PW.

### Bid Awarding

A Pfeffer/Luloff motion and subsequent vote approved the Bid from Earth Inc. of \$82,291 for the Willow Road culvert replacement Project.

### MSA Services

A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved the Task Order for \$8,000 with MSA Professional Services for services of applying and administrating a CDBG 2015 Public Facilities Grant.

### Minutes

A Lorence/Luloff motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 11/25/14 meeting. Pfeffer abstained.

### Treasure's Report

A Luloff/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the Treasurer's Report for November.

### Police Report

Andy reported the police report can no longer be separated by Officer. A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Police Report.

### Police Comp Time

A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to deny the request for police comp time to be rolled over into 2015.

### Officers Training

A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Police training schedule for 2015.

### Public Works Report

Erik Stinson-PW's reported that a new light has been ordered for the new area of the skating rink on the Mill Pond. The ice is cleared of snow and there are ice skates to use from OW Sports & Liquor. The County conducted a bridge inspection on the wooden bridge. They requested that new guard rail signs be put up and to clear the brush around the bridge, which has been completed. The beaver dam is finally gone. The Case Wheel Loader is on order. Erik passed all his water certification tests.

### Public Present

Gail Muelbauer, Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services, Travis Rodgers-Sentinel and the Rural News, Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Phil Greschner, Rocky Lehr, Sam Thornton, Brad Gokey and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise. Phil Greschner asked if the City had a fund for Christmas decorations. He recommended looking at lights in Abbotsford and Thorp. They are new and are made by a local business. The overhead garlands with lights are in really bad shape.

### Appointments

A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved the 7 appointments to the Owen Junior Fair Board. Rocky Lehr-Co Chair, Phil Greschner-Co Chair, Jody Nordine, Kim Sybers-Secretary, Samantha Thornton-Treasurer, Lonnie Kroeplin and June Roohr.

### Owen Junior Fair Financials

A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the financial reports for the Owen Junior Fair Event and the Family Night Event. Phil Greschner reported how difficult it is this year to find a carnival. The power pole in the Dollar General parking lot will need to be relocated for the events next year and

maybe add more lighting. The outlets in the food stand all need to be inspected and/or replaced if needed so that appliances, such as the freezer, don't become unplugged.

#### CDA Report

Tim Swiggum reported that a survey will be conducted on the properties sold to Master Packaging and David Taylor. A very interested party of the Agri-Business Park met today with Tim and Steve.

#### Cancel Meeting

A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to cancel the last Council meeting of the year on 12/23/2014.

#### Disbursements

Questions were answered for Check #22590 and 22592. A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved to pay tonight's disbursements and disbursements for the remainder of 2014: City Pooled Check#22559-22623. City \$41,242.72, Water \$16,825.13 and Sewer \$6,141.44.

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#### Closed Session

Convened into Closed Session: A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to convene into closed session at 6:29 pm. Roll Call Vote: Lulloff-Y, Lorence-Y, Kiviko-Y. Consideration Citizens Complaint regarding City Employee and Grievance Appeal/Ratification: Under Wis. Stats; 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Reconvened into Open Session at 6:54 pm by a Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote to take action, if any, on the matter discussed in Closed Session.

#### Action from Closed Session

Addressing the matter of a Citizen complaint by Nathan LePage regarding City Employee Tim Swiggum: The Personnel Committee recommendation along with tonight's Council, find that all items of the complaint were investigated. Some of the complaints have already been ratified. The rest were not outside the realm of Tim's position with the City according to City Policies. Some of the complaints have been unfounded and no action will be taken at this time. All votes were yes. In the matter of an Appeal of a Grievance by Andrew Schade. The Personnel Committee recommendation along with tonight's Council, are refusing to process the Chief's grievance any further because his salary freeze is not a form of discipline recognized under the City of Owen Employee Grievance Policy. All votes were yes and 1 abstains by Pfeffer.

#### Adjourn

A Kiviko/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 12/9/14 open session meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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

(To be considered for Approval at the 1/13/2015 Council Meeting. Published 12/17/2014.)